



## **AGENDA**

### **N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION WEBINAR MEETING February 25, 2021 9:00 am**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.*

**This electronic meeting is being streamed live and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).**

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** – *Margo Minkler, Executive Assistant*

**INVOCATION** – *Commissioner Kelly Davis*

**MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY** – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 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 inquires 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 David Hoyle, Jr.*

**APPROVAL OF December 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the December 10, 2020 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit **(EXHIBIT A)**

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT** – Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT B)*

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

**Big Game Committee Report – February 10, 2021 – John Coley, Chair**

**Elk and Alligator Committee Report – February 17, 2021 – Steve Windham, Chair**

**Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – February 23, 2021 – Tom Berry, Chair**

**Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report – February 24, 2021 – Richard Edwards, Chair**

**Finance Committee Report – February 24, 2021 – Landon Zimmer, Chair**

**Committee of the Whole Report – February 24, 2021 – David Hoyle, Jr., Chair**

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Digging for the Root of the Problem** – *Andrew Helton, Wildlife Law Enforcement Captain*

## **INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION**

**Public Comments and Rulemaking for 2021 – 2022 Inland Fishing Rules** – Receive public comments on proposed changes to inland fishing rules received from virtual public hearing, internet portal, and correspondence. Review and consider for adoption proposed changes to the 2021-2022 inland fishing rules – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2**)

## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

**Public Comments and Rulemaking for 2021 – 2022 Wildlife Management Rules** – Receive public comments on proposed changes to wildlife management rules received from virtual public hearing, internet portal, and correspondence. Review and consider for adoption proposed changes to the 2021-2022 wildlife management rules – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS D-1, D-2**)

## **LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION**

**Public Comments and Rulemaking for 2021 – 2022 Property, Game Land, and Wildlife Conservation Area Rules** – Receive public comments on proposed changes to Property, Game Land, and Wildlife Conservation Area rules received from virtual public hearing, internet portal, and correspondence. Also review and consider adoption of proposed changes in the 2021-2022 Property, Game Land, and Wildlife Conservation Area rules – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS E-1, E-2**)

## **Land Acquisition and Property Matters**

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Jessie Birckhead, Land Acquisition and Grants Manager* (**EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5**)

- Jewel Davenport Tracts – Camden County (F-1)
- Pasquotank River Tract – Camden County (F-2)
- Myrtle Head Simmons Tract – Brunswick County (F-3)
- Old Dock Simmons Tract – Columbus County (F-4)
- Tuckertown Tracts – Davidson, Montgomery Counties (F-5)

## **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

**Review Comments and Consider Final Adoption –15A NCAC 10F .0305 –Town of Ocean Isle Beach, Brunswick County** – Consider public comments and final adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0305 for a no-wake zone in the ICW at the Hwy 904 causeway bridge in the Town of Ocean Isle Beach – *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Coordinator* (**EXHIBITS G-1, G-2**)

## **OTHER RULEMAKING**

**Wildlife and Alligator Control Agents – 15A NCAC 10H .1500** – Review public comments and consider adoption of proposed amendments to rules for licensing and regulation of wildlife and alligator control agents – *Daron Barnes, Program Manager, Office of Wildlife Interaction, Regulated Activities & Permits* (**Exhibits H-1, H-2**)

**Wildlife Take for Depredations – 15A NCAC 10B .0106** – Review public comments and consider adoption of proposed amendments to rules for wildlife taken for depredations – *Daron Barnes* (**Exhibits I-1, I-2**)

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – *Chairman Hoyle*

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Executive Director Ingram*

**ADJOURN**

# EXHIBIT A

February 25, 2021



## MINUTES December 10, 2020 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) §166A-19.20 (Public Bodies/Remote Meetings During Declared Emergencies), the December 10, 2020 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) webinar meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Hoyle announced that the webinar meeting audio is being streamed live and will be available on the NCWRC's website. He reminded Commissioners to speak their names before making motions or comments and to mute their devices when not speaking. Hoyle announced that by the statutory requirement, the roll will be called for attendance and for each vote.

Commissioner John Coley gave the invocation.

### **MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY**

Chairman Hoyle advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

### **ROLL CALL**

Betsy Haywood, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. Ray Clifton, Mike Johnson, and Jim Cogdell were absent.

### **COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE**

David Hoyle, Jr.  
John Stone  
Monty Crump  
Brad Stanback  
Tom Berry  
Landon Zimmer  
Hayden Rogers  
Wes Seegars

Kelly Davis  
John Coley  
Steve Windham  
Nat Harris  
Tommy Fonville  
Jim Ruffin  
Mark Craig  
Richard Edwards

## **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, MEETING**

By acclamation, the Minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting were approved as presented in **Exhibit A**. **Exhibit A** is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. DP Singla, *Chief Financial Officer*, presented a status report in **Exhibit B** on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

**Wildlife Operating and Capital Improvement Funds** - As of October 31, 2020, the revenues in the General Fund were \$56,609,672.54, with Capital Improvement (CI) revenues \$2,389,441.57. Expenditures in the General Fund were \$51,225,781.75. Expenditures in the CI Fund were \$2,808,931.60. The excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses in the General Fund was \$5,383,890.79, with -\$419,490.03 in CI. The General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2020 was \$21,920,528.02. The CI Fund balance as of October 31, 2020 was \$2,895,680.39.

**Exhibit B** is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

**Ad Hoc Education Centers Committee Report – November 16, 2020** – Kelly Davis, *Chair*, reported that the *ad hoc* Education Centers Committee met on November 16, 2020 at agency Headquarters in Raleigh and via Zoom. The purpose of the *ad hoc* Committee is to discuss and make a recommendation on the future management of the three WRC education Centers in Corolla, Fayetteville, and Brevard, to determine whether the education centers support the WRC mission and strategic plan, and whether changes need to be made or the centers disposed. Kris Smith, *Education Division Chief*, provided historical information on the WRC's statutory charge, strategic plan, and the mission of Wildlife Education. Kris then provided information on each center's current programming, budget, visitation, and land lease agreements. The Committee discussed that over 90 percent of visitors to the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education in Corolla are not North Carolina residents. The Center does provide Citizen Science programming to provide wildlife connections for its visitors; however, the committee expressed concerns over maintaining a center which is primarily a travel and tourism facility. The Committee will explore operations options with Currituck County. The Committee discussed the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center and the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education. Committee members agreed that these two education centers are more closely aligned with the mission of the WRC and serve NC residents; however, programmatic changes were recommended for each center. On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, a small group discussed options for the Outer Banks Wildlife Education Center with the Currituck County Manager and two county commissioners. They were provided with additional operations and staffing information for their January retreat and are optimistic that an agreement will be reached that works well for both the WRC and Currituck County. The *ad hoc* Committee will report with a recommendation at the February 25, 2021 meeting.

The Committee requested that Executive Director Cameron Ingram charge staff with developing a timeline and process for creating operation plans for the two centers, and to identify target markets and

programming that include the agency's R3 objectives to recruit, retain, and reactivate wildlife-associated recreationists. The *ad hoc* committee requested that staff report on this charge at the next Education, Shooting, and Archery Committee meeting which may be scheduled for early February.

**Finance Committee Report – December 9, 2020** – Landon Zimmer, *Chair*, reported that the Finance Committee met on December 9, 2020. Dr. D.P. Singla, *Chief Financial Officer*, provided an update on Operating Fund balances as of October 2020. The Committee reviewed the Bank Of New York (BNY) Mellon Investment rollforward summary which included the fund withdrawal process. The Committee also reviewed the State Treasurers' policy regarding Endowment percentage allocations between Bond Index Fund and Equity Index Fund. The Committee agreed to continue to assess the allocation percentages next year to decide what may be the right fit for the agency. WRC staff was asked to arrange a presentation from BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., the investment carrier, at the February or April Committee meeting for further discussions. The Committee reviewed the approval process of Endowment Fund spending for capital projects, debt payments, and large purchases. Janice Underwood, *Information Technology Director*, provided the pricing analysis and the license sales trend. Commissioner Stone requested that Director Ingram include license trends as part of the R3 plan. The Committee requested that internal staff update the lifetime pricing analysis by February or April 2021. The Committee received the Endowment reconstruction project update and requested final expendable and non-expendable allocations at the April 2021 Committee meeting.

**Motion from Finance Committee** - On a motion by Steve Windham and second by Brad Stanback, the Commission approved a Resolution from the Finance Committee on the Allocation of Available Interest in the North Carolina Wildlife Endowment fund from Sales of Infant and Youth Lifetime Licenses. The Resolution is incorporated by reference into the official record of this meeting and is filed with the Minutes.

**Land Acquisition and Property Committee Meeting Report – December 9, 2020** - Tom Berry, *Chair*, reported that the Committee met on December 9, 2020. Jessie Birkhead, *Land Acquisition and Grants Manager* provided an overview of current land acquisition projects. She provided the committee with an update on the Alcoa Tuckertown acquisition and will discuss the final project budget at the February 2021 meeting. The Committee reviewed one Phase I project and endorsed two Phase II projects for a vote by the Commission. The Committee reviewed a naming request for a Boating Access Area. The Committee named commissioners including Tommy Fonville, John Coley, Monty Crump, Brad Stanback, Kelly Davis, and Wes Seegars, who have expressed an interest in being on an *ad hoc* committee to discuss land acquisition strategies at a meeting sometime in January 2021.

**Boating Safety Committee Report – October 19, 2020** – *Commissioner* Mark Craig reported that the Boating Safety Committee met on December 9, 2020. Betsy Haywood, *No Wake Zone Coordinator*, reviewed public comments and consideration of final adoption of five rule amendments for no-wake zones. The Committee recommended denial of one amendment in Dayton Cove in Clay County. The Committee reviewed one request for temporary rulemaking for a no-wake zone and safety zone during a pedestrian bridge construction project on Lake James in Burke County.

**Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report – December 9, 2020** – Mark Craig, *Chair*, reported that the Committee met on December 9, 2020. Wildlife Diversity program coordinators

Todd Ewing and Dr. Sara Schweitzer presented Proposed Changes to the Protected Animal List recommended by the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) Scientific Councils for Crustacea, Amphibians, and Reptiles. Six crayfish, five amphibian, and four reptile species were reviewed using the N.C. Species Assessment Tool. North Carolina Wildlife Resources staff recommended to withdraw the proposed status change for the Coastal Plain Population of the Wood Frog because the population overall in North Carolina does not meet criteria for listing. The Committee recommended by affirmation that the remaining 14 proposed changes to the Protected Animal List be considered for approval by the Commission. Ewing and Schweitzer also presented 25 Technical Corrections to the Protected Animal List, as provided by NWAC's Bird, Fish, and Mollusk Scientific Councils. Technical corrections included changes due to Federal listing status, common and scientific name corrections, and removal from the Protected Animal List due to the species no longer considered native to or found in North Carolina. The Committee approved these recommendations to be presented to the Commission for a vote at a future meeting.

Four Species Conservation Plans (Brook Floater, Neuse/Tar River Basin Endemics, Gopher Frog, and Robust Redhorse) were presented. The bog turtle conservation plan has received additional updated information and will be considered in the next group of Species Conservation Plans that will be reviewed in 2021. The Committee recommended that the four completed plans be considered for approval by the Commission during the Business Meeting on December 10, 2020.

**Committee of the Whole Report – December 9, 2020** – David Hoyle, Jr., Chair, reported that the Committee met on December 9, 2020. Carrie Ruhlman, *Rulemaking Coordinator*, reviewed public comments received and several proposed rules for consideration by the Commission. She Also reviewed a petition for rulemaking to amend rules regulating controlled fox hunting preserves. Director Cameron Ingram proposed a change to the January public hearings because of Covid-19, with one virtual public hearing to be held on January 21, 2021. Former Director Gordon Myers provided an update on the Commissioner Handbook he has been working on, including an outline of the contents, and he expects it to be finished soon.

### **AWARD RECOGNITIONS**

Executive Director Cameron Ingram presented recognitions of four awards to agency personnel:

**Master Officer Darby Enoch, District 6** - *Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year for NC*

**Captain Steve Bullins, District 7 Captain** - *NC Governor's Award for Safety and Heroism*

**Jeff Evans, Superintendent Watha State Fish Hatchery** - *Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Fisheries Biologist of the Year*

**Gordon Myers, former Executive Director** - *Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Seth Gordon Award*

### **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Pollinator Initiatives and Partnerships**

Cindy Simpson, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, gave an update about the Habitat Conservation Division (HABCON) and programs. The Wildlife Resources Commission is eligible to receive federal grant funds for the conservation of nongame species through the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. These funds allow the Commission to address the priority conservation actions outlined in the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan (NCWAP). The 2015 NCWAP identifies fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need and other species for which there are research or management priorities and describes the survey, research, monitoring, and management actions that will benefit these species. The NCWAP supports important partnership and collaboration efforts that benefit conservation of wildlife as well as their habitats. A unique partnership that implements NCWAP priorities is the NC Pollinator Conservation Alliance, comprised of state and federal agencies, private businesses, and various conservation organizations. Through this partnership the Commission supports and implements important pollinator conservation work described in the NCWAP.

Gabriela Garrison, *Eastern Piedmont Habitat Conservation Coordinator*, discussed the incredible pollinator diversity in North Carolina that sustains both agricultural and wildlife communities. Pollinators include native bees, butterflies, moths, wasps, and countless other insects. To conserve and bolster these species and their habitat, a statewide partnership was created to promote communication, outreach, and conservation across organizations. This partnership, the NC Pollinator Conservation Alliance (NCPCA), formed six committees, to include Outreach, Plant Resources, Energy, Habitat Assessment, Research and Pesticide Stewardship. Although in-person outreach was challenging in 2020, the NCPCA was able to host a webinar instead of its Annual Pollinator Field Day. The NCPCA also distributed over 1,000 stems of common, swamp and butterfly milkweed to various private landowners across the State, with plans to continue distribution in 2021. In April 2021, biologists from WRC will start their third field season of a native bee sampling study. In conjunction with prescribed burning and habitat response, this project examines native bee diversity on four Game Lands across the state. This study will help create a baseline for native bees as well as give biologists the needed tools to make habitat management decisions that will benefit pollinators. NCPCA projects on the horizon for 2021 include a spring webinar series, an Urban Pollinator Habitat Guide and a statewide partnership with local soil and water districts to implement pollinator conservation best management practices.

### **CONSERVATION PLANS ADOPTION**

On a motion by Mark Craig and second by Tom Berry the Commission adopted four Conservation Plans, presented by Todd Ewing, *Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Program Manager* and Dr. Sara Schweitzer, *Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator* – Brook Floater presented in **Exhibit C-1**, five rare aquatic species restricted to the Neuse and Tar Rivers presented in **Exhibit C-2**, Gopher Frog presented in **Exhibit C-3**, and Robust Redhorse presented in **Exhibit C-4**.

**Exhibits C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### **LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION**

#### **Land Acquisitions and Property Matters**



**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – on a motion by Tom Berry and second by John Coley, the Commission approved the acquisition of two properties, presented by Jessie Birckhead, *Land Acquisition and Grants Manager*, in **Exhibits D-1 and D-2**.

- King's Bridge Tract – Henderson County (D-1)
- Hall Tract – Bladen County (D-2)

**Naming Request - Boating Access Area - Rowan County** - by the same motion, the Commission approved a naming request from the Three Rivers Land Trust for the Hannah's Ferry /Pump Station Boating Access Area in Rowan County, presented in **Exhibit E**.

**Exhibits D-1, D-2, and E** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

Monty Crump made a motion, seconded by Jim Cogdell, and voted to adopt **Exhibits F-2, G-2, I-2, J-2, and K-2**. By the same motion, the Commission voted to disapprove **Exhibit H-2**. Water safety rules proposals were presented by Betsy Haywood, *No-Wake Zone Coordinator*:

**Clay County, Lake Chatuge - Gibson Cove** – the Commission adopted, with changes, an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0308 for a revised no-wake zone in a portion of Gibson Cove shore to shore, beginning north of the boating access area and extending south to the end of the cove. (**Exhibit F-2**)

**Clay County, Lake Chatuge – Clay County Recreational Park** – the Commission adopted, with changes to revise coordinates, an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0308 for a no-wake zone at the peninsula around Clay County Recreational Park. (**Exhibit G-2**)

**Clay County, Lake Chatuge – Dayton Cove** – the Commission received public comments from property owners in Dayton Cove (**Exhibit H-1**), and after considerable discussion during the Boating Safety Committee Meeting, denied the application for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0308 for a no-wake zone in the waters of Dayton Cove on Lake Chatuge. (**Exhibit H-2**)

**Stanly County, Lake Tillery** – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0317 for a no-wake zone on Lake Tillery at the Boathouse and Marina in Norwood. (**Exhibit I-2**)

**Burke County, Lake James** – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0323 to extend the no-wake zone on Lake James from northeast of the Highway 126 Bridge shore to shore, southward shore to shore to 50 yards south of the Canal Bridge Boating Access Area. (**Exhibit J-2**)

**Temporary Rule Final Adoption, Burke County – Lake James** – the Commission adopted a temporary amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0323 for a no-wake zone and safety zone where vessel entry not authorized by the WRC is prohibited, in Mill Creek on Lake James during construction of a pedestrian bridge at Lake James State Park. (**Exhibit K-2**)

**Exhibits F-1, F-2, G-1, G-2, H-1, H-2, I-1, I-2, J-1, J-2, K-1, and K-2** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **PERMANENT RULEMAKING**

On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Tom Berry, the Commission reviewed public comments and voted on final adoption of **Exhibits L-2** and **M-2**, presented by Carrie Ruhlman, *Rulemaking Coordinator*:

**Controlled Fox Hunting Preserves** – the Commission adopted proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10H .1200, rules for licensing and regulation of controlled fox hunting preserves. (**Exhibit L-2**)

**Sale of Live Foxes and Coyotes to Controlled Fox Hunting Preserves** – the Commission received one public comment in **Exhibit M-1** and adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0409, the rule for trapping and live sale of foxes and coyotes to controlled fox hunting preserves. (**Exhibit M-2**)

**Exhibits L-2 and M-2** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

The Commission approved a petition for rulemaking from the public, presented by Carrie Ruhlman in **Exhibit N**, to amend rules 15A NCAC 10H, .1201, .1202, .1203, and .1204 regulating controlled fox hunting preserves.

**Exhibit N** is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **MODIFICATION OF 2021 PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

The Commission approved a request, presented in **Exhibit O** by Cameron Ingram, *Executive Director*, to modify the 2021 Public Hearing schedule to remove in-person public hearings due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Staff will send an email blast and other types of notification so that the public will be aware that in-person public hearings for proposed rules will be replaced with one virtual public hearing in January 2021.

**Exhibit O** is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Hoyle thanked Commissioners and Staff for their attendance and planning for committee meetings. He looks forward to the day that everyone can meet in person again in the Commission Room.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Ingram announced that Betsy Haywood will join the Law Enforcement Division to concentrate on water safety rulemaking. He thanked her for her service to the Director's Office. Ingram also recognized Gordon Myers for his service to the Commission and thanked him for his mentorship. Ingram recognized the more than 600 employees who work for the Wildlife Resources Commission and thanked everyone who worked on committee meetings and presentation.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners Wes Seegars and Steve Windham added their thanks to Gordon Myers, noting that they and Chairman Hoyle worked with Myers from his beginning as Executive Director. Commissioner Monty Crump seconded their comments and thanked Betsy Haywood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.  
All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

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David Hoyle, Jr., Chairman

Date

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Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

**NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**CAFR 52G - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<b>FY 2021 General</b>	<b>FY 2021 Capital Improvement</b>	<b>FY 2021 Endowment</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Federal funds	\$ 14,785,264.62	\$ 1,396,544.00	\$ -
Local funds	\$ 552.87	\$ -	\$ -
Investment earnings	\$ 54,165.74	\$ -	\$ 7,273,178.26
Sales and services	\$ 4,728,538.09	\$ -	\$ -
Rental and lease of property	\$ 20,892.40	\$ -	\$ -
Fees, licenses and fines	\$ 21,501,463.41	\$ -	\$ 3,172,295.50
Contributions, gifts and grants	\$ 1,268,293.85	\$ 453,068.27	\$ 14,370.16
Miscellaneous	\$ 87,245.45	\$ -	\$ -
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ -	\$ 1,161.85	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Sale of capital assets	\$ 265,346.40	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Insurance recoveries	\$ 29,801.91	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Transfers in	\$ 5,756,400.67	\$ 799,650.00	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Appropriations	\$ 5,872,267.25	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 54,370,232.66</b>	<b>\$ 2,650,424.12</b>	<b>\$ 10,459,843.92</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personal services	\$ 17,813,279.91	\$ -	\$ -
Employee benefits	\$ 7,943,912.53	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted personal services	\$ 4,588,143.16	\$ 162,976.27	\$ -
Supplies and materials	\$ 3,585,074.63	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 87,000.13	\$ -	\$ -
Communication	\$ 343,873.95	\$ -	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 307,775.19	\$ -	\$ -
Data processing services	\$ 610,776.81	\$ -	\$ -
Other services	\$ 2,114,344.61	\$ 10,871.02	\$ -
Claims and benefits	\$ 738,837.34	\$ -	\$ -
Other fixed charges	\$ 153,466.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Capital outlay	\$ 2,162,997.30	\$ 2,878,137.52	\$ -
Grants, state aid and subsidies	\$ 3,273,717.18	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance and bonding	\$ 19,254.60	\$ -	\$ -
Other expenditures	\$ 824,584.35	\$ -	\$ -
Reimbursements	\$ (310,600.54)	\$ -	\$ -
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ 131,724.78	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing (Uses) - Transfers out	\$ 4,913,785.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 2,790,742.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 49,301,946.93</b>	<b>\$ 3,401,994.81</b>	<b>\$ 2,790,742.00</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 5,068,285.73</b>	<b>\$ (751,570.69)</b>	<b>\$ 7,669,101.92</b>
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2020	\$ 16,444,043.23	\$ 3,315,170.42	\$ 138,879,798.61
<b>FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 21,512,328.96</b>	<b>\$ 2,563,599.73</b>	<b>\$ 146,548,900.53</b>



# EXHIBIT C-1

February 25, 2021

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Inland Fisheries Regulations for 2021-2022

Proposal	Proposed Text	Agree	Disagree	No Position	Comment Type
F1	Combine the two-existing Public Mountain Trout Waters (PMTW) catch-and-release classifications (Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters and Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters) into a single classification (Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters).	65	14	6	Online: 80 Letter/Email: 5
F2	Remove Franks Creek in Graham County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 4.1 miles from Public Mountain Trout Waters and 0.4 miles of Franks Creek on game lands will be reclassified to Wild Trout Waters.	28	6	12	Online: 41 Letter/Email: 5
F3	Remove Hemphill Creek in Haywood County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 3.7 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.	25	6	11	Online: 38 Letter/Email: 4
F4	Remove Buff Creek in Jackson County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 2.8 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and 1.0 mile of Buff Creek on game lands will be reclassified to Wild Trout Waters.	24	5	10	Online: 35 Letter/Email: 4
F5	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Pine Creek in Alleghany County removing approximately 4.5 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1464 bridge to the confluence with Brush Creek.	22	9	7	Online: 34 Letter/Email: 4
F6	Remove Meadow Fork in Alleghany County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. This proposal will remove 5.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.	22	8	7	Online: 33 Letter/Email: 4
F7	Remove Mill Creek in McDowell County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. This proposal will remove 6.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.	23	6	10	Online: 35 Letter/Email: 4
F8	Clarify that there is no closed season for harvest in undesignated trout waters.	42	3	6	Online: 47 Letter/Email: 4
F9	Clarify the boundaries for the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters reaches of the Watauga River in Watauga County. The designated reaches are S.R. 1114 bridge to Valle Crucis Community Park lower boundary (upper reach) and S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek (lower reach). This proposal will not add or remove any Public Mountain Trout Waters.	34	1	7	Online: 38 Letter/Email: 4
F10	Clarify that Boundary Line Pond in Wilkes County is designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.	28	1	7	Online: 33 Letter/Email: 3
F11	Clarify that the lower Hatchery Supported Trout Waters boundary on the Middle Prong Roaring River in Wilkes County is the second bridge on S.R. 1736.	27	0	8	Online: 32 Letter/Email: 3
F12	Clarify that the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass in the Alleghany County portion of the New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, Virginia) is five fish in combination.	36	1	8	Online: 43 Letter/Email: 2
F13	Prohibit harvest of Largemouth Bass from three ponds associated with Martin-Marietta Park, City of New Bern, Craven County.	30	8	11	Online: 47 Letter/Email: 2
F14	Prohibit harvest of Striped Bass from three ponds associated with Martin-Marietta Park, City of New Bern, Craven County.	32	13	10	Online: 53 Letter/Email: 2

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F15	Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Blue Catfish in the North Carolina portion of the Dan River (Caswell Co.), downstream of Danville, Va. by allowing only one fish greater than 32 inches to be possessed in the daily creel.	36	10	5	Online: 49 Letter/Email: 2
F16	Allow American Eel greater than the 9-inch minimum length limit to be used for cut bait provided the body depth of the eel is at least ½ inch.	33	6	11	Online: 48 Letter/Email: 2
F17	Add the African Longfin Eel, Creole Painted Crayfish, Bigclaw Crayfish, Marbled Crayfish or Marmorkrebs, Applesnail, Olive Mysterysnail, European Eel, Oriental Weatherfish, Brown Hoplo, Yellow Bass, Shortfin Eel, Crucian Carp, Prussian Carp, European Perch, European Minnow, and Amur Sleeper to the list of species for which it is unlawful to transport, purchase, possess, sell or stock in the public or private waters of North Carolina. The proposed change also includes taxonomic clarifications and corrections.	59	7	4	Online: 67 Letter/Email: 3

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## EXHIBIT C-2

February 25, 2021



### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO *INLAND FISHERIES* REGULATIONS FOR 2021-2022 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION**

- F1)** Combine the two-existing Public Mountain Trout Waters (PMTW) catch-and-release classifications (Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters and Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters) into a single classification (Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters).  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, and 16)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0316 Trout (page 25)*
- F2)** Remove Franks Creek in Graham County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 4.1 miles from Public Mountain Trout Waters and 0.4 miles of Franks Creek on game lands will be reclassified to Wild Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 9)*
- F3)** Remove Hemphill Creek in Haywood County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 3.7 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 9)*
- F4)** Remove Buff Creek in Jackson County from Wild Trout Natural Bait Waters. This proposal will remove 2.8 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and 1.0 mile of Buff Creek on game lands will be reclassified to Wild Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 11)*
- F7)** Remove Mill Creek in McDowell County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. This proposal will remove 6.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 12)*

- F8)** Clarify that there is no closed season for harvest in undesignated trout waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 5)*
- F9)** Clarify the boundaries for the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters reaches of the Watauga River in Watauga County. The designated reaches are S.R. 1114 bridge to Valle Crucis Community Park lower boundary (upper reach) and S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek (lower reach). This proposal will not add or remove any Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 14)*
- F10)** Clarify that Boundary Line Pond in Wilkes County is designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 16)*
- F11)** Clarify that the lower Hatchery Supported Trout Waters boundary on the Middle Prong Roaring River in Wilkes County is the second bridge on S.R. 1736.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 16)*
- F12)** Clarify that the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass in the Alleghany County portion of the New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, Virginia) is five fish in combination.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0305 Largemouth Bass (page 21)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0321 Smallmouth Bass (page 27)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0322 Alabama Bass and Spotted Bass (page 28)*
- F13)** Prohibit harvest of Largemouth Bass from three ponds associated with Martin-Marietta Park, City of New Bern, Craven County.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0305 Largemouth Bass (page 22)*
- F14)** Prohibit harvest of Striped Bass from three ponds associated with Martin-Marietta Park, City of New Bern, Craven County.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass (page 23)*
- F15)** Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Blue Catfish in the North Carolina portion of the Dan River (Caswell Co.), downstream of Danville, Va. by allowing only one fish greater than 32 inches to be possessed in the daily creel.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes (pages 29-30)*
- F16)** Allow American Eel greater than the 9-inch minimum length limit to be used for cut bait provided the body depth of the eel is at least ½ inch.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes (page 30)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes For Bait or Personal Consumption (page 33)*

- F17)** Add the African Longfin Eel, Creole Painted Crayfish, Bigclaw Crayfish, Marbled Crayfish or Marmorkrebs, Applesnail, Olive Mysterysnail, European Eel, Oriental Weatherfish, Brown Hoplo, Yellow Bass, Shortfin Eel, Crucian Carp, Prussian Carp, European Perch, European Minnow, and Amur Sleeper to the list of species for which it is unlawful to transport, purchase, possess, sell or stock in the public or private waters of North Carolina. The proposed change also includes taxonomic clarifications and corrections.

*15A NCAC 10C .0211 Possession of Certain Fishes (pages 18-19)*

1   **15A NCAC 10C .0205   PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

2   (a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- 3           (1)    "Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared  
4                    substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- 5           (2)    "Single hook" means a fish hook with only one point.
- 6           (3)    "Artificial lure" means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that  
7                    attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- 8           (4)    "Artificial fly" means one single hook dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, rubber, or any  
9                    similar material to which no additional hook, spinner, spoon or similar device is added.
- 10          (5)    "Youth anglers" are individuals under 18 years of age.

11   (b) For purposes of this Rule, 15A NCAC 10C .0316, and 15A NCAC 10D .0104, the following classifications apply:

- 12          (1)    "Public Mountain Trout Waters" are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A NCAC  
13                    10D .0104.
- 14          (2)    "Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters  
15                    where only artificial flies and lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed  
16                    or harvested while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless  
17                    otherwise noted.
- 18          ~~(3)    "Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where~~  
19                   ~~only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested~~  
20                   ~~while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.~~
- 21          ~~(4)~~(3)    "Delayed Harvest Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and  
22                    one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, it is unlawful  
23                    to possess natural bait, use more than one single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout  
24                    while fishing. From 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day, only youth  
25                    anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the first Saturday  
26                    in June until October 1, anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions.  
27                    Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 28          ~~(5)~~(4)    "Hatchery Supported Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters that have no bait or lure  
29                    restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 30          ~~(6)~~(5)    "Special Regulation Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific  
31                    regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 32          ~~(7)~~(6)    "Wild Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule or  
33                    15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person  
34                    shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not include  
35                    tributaries unless otherwise noted.

~~(8)(7)~~ "Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

~~(9)(8)~~ "Undesignated Waters" are all other waters in the State. These waters have no bait or lure restrictions. ~~Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters from March 1 until 7:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in April.~~

(c) Seasons, creel, and size limits. Seasons, creel, and size limits for trout in all waters are listed in Rule .0316 of this Subchapter.

(d) Classifications. This Paragraph designates waters in each county that have a specific classification. Waters on game lands are so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104, unless otherwise indicated in this Paragraph. All other waters are classified as Undesignated Waters.

(1) Alleghany

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Little River (S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank])

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Pine Creek [~~S.R. 1464 bridge to confluence with Brush Creek~~]

Bledsoe Creek

Brush Creek (N.C. 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where posted against trespassing)

Cranberry Creek

(Big) Glade Creek

Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)

Meadow Fork

Pine Swamp Creek

Piney Fork

Prathers Creek

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park

(2) Ashe County

(A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)

Helton Creek (SR 1372 bridge to North Fork New River)

South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the SR 1351 bridge)

- Trout Lake
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to confluence of Beaver Creek and South Beaver Creek)
  - Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)
  - Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)
  - Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)
  - Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
  - Nathans Creek
  - North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
  - Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
  - Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
  - Roan Creek
  - Three Top Creek
- (3) Avery County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
- Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
  - Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
  - Wilson Creek (game land portion)
- ~~(B)~~ — ~~Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:~~
- ~~Wilson Creek (game land portion)~~
- ~~(C)~~(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- Boyde Coffey Lake
  - Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state line)
  - Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing)
  - Milltimber Creek
  - North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)
  - North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against trespassing)
  - Squirrel Creek
  - Wildcat Lake
- ~~(D)~~(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- Birchfield Creek
  - Cow Camp Creek
  - Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)

- 1 Gragg Prong  
2 Horse Creek  
3 Kentucky Creek  
4 North Harper Creek  
5 Plumtree Creek  
6 Roaring Creek  
7 Rockhouse Creek  
8 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)  
9 South Harper Creek  
10 Webb Prong  
11 (4) Buncombe County  
12 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
13 Carter Creek (game land portion)  
14 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
15 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)  
16 Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)  
17 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)  
18 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)  
19 Ivy Creek (Ivy River)(Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)  
20 Lake Powhatan  
21 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against  
22 trespassing)  
23 Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)  
24 Stony Creek  
25 Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of  
26 N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)  
27 (5) Burke County  
28 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
29 Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)  
30 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
31 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)  
32 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
33 Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)  
34 Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)  
35 Linville River portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake  
36 James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)  
37 (D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:



- 1                   Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)
- 2           (E)     Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 3                   All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in Parts
- 4                   A and B of this Subparagraph
- 5       (6)     Caldwell County
- 6           (A)     Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 7                   Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)
- 8           (B)     Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 9                   Boone Fork Pond
- 10                  Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
- 11                  Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
- 12                  Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted
- 13                  against trespassing)
- 14                  Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)
- 15       (C)     Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 16                  Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)
- 17                  Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
- 18                  Rockhouse Creek
- 19       (7)     Cherokee County
- 20           (A)     Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 21                  Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
- 22                  Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
- 23                  Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
- 24                  Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
- 25                  Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)
- 26           (B)     Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
- 27                  Apalachia Reservoir
- 28           (C)     Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 29                  Bald Creek (game land portion)
- 30                  Dockery Creek (game land portion)
- 31                  North Shoal Creek (game land portion)
- 32       (8)     Clay County
- 33           (A)     Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 34                  Fires Creek (Rockhouse Creek to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- 35           (B)     Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 36                  Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)
- 37                  Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)

- 1 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
- 2 (9) Graham County
- 3 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 4 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
- 5 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 6 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
- 7 Cheoah Reservoir
- 8 Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
- 9 Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeetlah)
- 10 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)
- 11 Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)
- 12 Tulula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
- 13 West Buffalo Creek
- 14 Yellow Creek (Lake Santeetlah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
- 15 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 16 Little Buffalo Creek
- 17 South Fork Squally Creek
- 18 Squally Creek
- 19 (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 20 Deep Creek
- 21 ~~Franks Creek~~
- 22 Long Creek (game land portion)
- 23 (10) Haywood County
- 24 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 25 West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake
- 26 Logan)
- 27 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 28 Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
- 29 Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against
- 30 trespassing)
- 31 Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
- 32 Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)
- 33 West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands,
- 34 except Middle Prong)
- 35 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 36 ~~Hemphill Creek~~
- 37 Hurricane Creek

- 1 (11) Henderson County
- 2 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 3 North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
- 4 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 5 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)
- 6 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
- 7 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)
- 8 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)
- 9 (Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)
- 10 (12) Jackson County
- 11 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
- 12 Flat Creek
- 13 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)
- 14 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 15 Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream of
- 16 the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
- 17 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 18 Balsam Lake
- 19 Bear Creek Lake
- 20 Cedar Cliff Lake
- 21 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
- 22 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
- 23 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)
- 24 Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)
- 25 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against
- 26 trespassing)
- 27 Tanasee Creek Lake
- 28 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)
- 29 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge
- 30 [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
- 31 Wolf Creek Lake
- 32 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 33 Gage Creek
- 34 North Fork Scott Creek
- 35 Tanasee Creek
- 36 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- 37 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)

- 1 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
2 ~~Buff Creek~~  
3 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)  
4 Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)  
5 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
- 6 (13) Macon County
- 7 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- 9 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
10 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)  
11 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)  
12 Cliffside Lake  
13 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)  
14 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)  
15 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)  
16 Queens Creek Lake
- 17 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
18 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)  
19 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)  
20 Kimsey Creek  
21 Overflow Creek (game land portion)  
22 Park Creek  
23 Tellico Creek (game land portion)  
24 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
- 25 (14) Madison County
- 26 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
27 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)  
28 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)  
29 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews  
30 Ave.)
- 31 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
32 Big Laurel Creek (Puncheon Fork to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.] bridge downstream of  
33 Bearpen Branch)  
34 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)  
35 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence  
36 with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)  
37 Max Patch Pond

- 1 Meadow Fork Creek (Meadow Fork Campground to Spring Creek)
- 2 Puncheon Fork (Wolf Laurel Branch to Big Laurel Creek)
- 3 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
- 4 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)
- 5 Shut-in Creek
- 6 Spillcorn Creek
- 7 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to USFS Rd. 223)
- 8 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-
- 9 in Creek)
- 10 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 11 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)
- 12 (15) McDowell County
- 13 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
- 14 Newberry Creek (game land portion)
- 15 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 16 Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
- 17 Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)
- 18 Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)
- 19 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 20 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
- 21 Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
- 22 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
- 23 ~~Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against~~
- 24 ~~trespassing)~~
- 25 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
- 26 (16) Mitchell County
- 27 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 28 Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)
- 29 North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)
- 30 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 31 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
- 32 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
- 33 East Fork Grassy Creek
- 34 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
- 35 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against
- 36 trespassing)
- 37 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)

- 1 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
2 Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against trespassing)  
3 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where  
4 posted against trespassing)  
5 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- 6 (17) Polk County  
7 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)  
9 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
10 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)  
11 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
- 12 (18) Rutherford County  
13 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
14 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted  
15 against trespassing)
- 16 (19) Stokes County  
17 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
18 Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)
- 19 (20) Surry County  
20 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
21 Ararat River (portion adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway)  
22 Mitchell River (0.6 miles upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the lowermost bridge on S.R.  
23 1330)  
24 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
25 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)  
26 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards  
27 downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])  
28 Fisher River (Cooper Creek)(Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)  
29 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)  
30 Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)  
31 Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- 32 (21) Swain County  
33 (A) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:  
34 Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)  
35 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
36 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)  
37 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)

- 1 Cheoah Reservoir  
2 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)  
3 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)  
4 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- 5 (22) Transylvania County
- 6 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
7 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek  
8 and Grogan Creek)
- 9 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
10 East Fork French Broad River (East Fork Baptist Church to the downstream S.R. 1107  
11 bridge)  
12 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- 13 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
14 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)  
15 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork)  
16 French Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area  
17 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)  
18 West Fork French Broad River (S.R. 1312 to confluence with North Fork French Broad  
19 River)
- 20 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
21 All waters located on Gorges State Park  
22 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- 23 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
24 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)  
25 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against  
26 trespassing)
- 27 (23) Watauga County
- 28 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
29 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding  
30 tributaries)  
31 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee  
32 Lake)
- 33 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
34 Lake Coffey  
35 ~~Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge and~~  
36 ~~S.R. River – upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to the Valle Crucis Community Park lower boundary)~~  
37 Watauga River – lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)

- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)
  - Beech Creek
  - Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
  - Buckeye Creek Reservoir
  - Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood)
  - Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
  - Elk Creek (S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes Co. line, except where posted against trespassing)
  - Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)
  - Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)
  - Middle Fork New River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to South Fork New River)
  - Norris Fork Creek
  - South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)
  - Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)
- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
  - Howard Creek
  - Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
  - North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)
  - Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
  - Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
- (24) Wilkes County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary)
  - Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain Club)
  - Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
  - Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the Yadkin River)
  - Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:



Basin Creek (S.R. 1730 bridge to confluence with Lovelace Creek)

Bell Branch Pond

Boundary Line Pond

Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)

Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River)(downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)

East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to S.R. 1002 bridge)

Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where posted against trespassing)

Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong)(headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)

Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1736)

North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek)(headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R. 1559)

Pike Creek

Pike Creek Pond

South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)

South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to U.S. 421 bridge adjacent to S.R. 1155 intersection)

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from falls at Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply

(25) Yancey County

(A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)

Upper Creek

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)

Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)

South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. Recreation Park, except where posted against trespassing)

(D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

1 Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 197 bridge)

2 Lickskillet Creek

3 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;*  
6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
7 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*  
8 *October 1, 1992;*  
9 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
10 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*  
13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
15 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
16 *2003);*  
17 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
18 *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*  
19 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*  
20 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*  
21 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.*

1   **15A NCAC 10C .0211   POSSESSION OF CERTAIN FISHES**

2   (a) It shall be unlawful to transport, purchase, possess, sell, or stock in the public or private waters of North Carolina  
3   any live individuals of:

- 4       (1) ~~piranha;~~  
5       (2) ~~"walking catfish" (*Clarias batrachus*);~~  
6       (3) ~~snakehead fish (from the Family Channidae, formerly Ophiocephalidae);~~  
7       (4) ~~black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*);~~  
8       (5) ~~bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*);~~  
9       (6) ~~silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);~~  
10      (7) ~~rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*);~~  
11      (8) ~~round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*);~~  
12      (9) ~~tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*);~~  
13      (10) ~~ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*);~~  
14      (11) ~~Japanese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina japonica*);~~  
15      (12) ~~Chinese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata*);~~  
16      (13) ~~red rim melania (*Melanoides tuberculatus*);~~  
17      (14) ~~virile crayfish (*Orconectes (Gremicambarus) virilis*);~~  
18      (15) ~~rusty crayfish (*Orconectes (Procericambarus) rusticus*);~~  
19      (16) ~~Australian red claw crayfish or "red claw" (*Cherax quadricarinatus*, or other species of "giant"~~  
20              ~~crayfish species in the genus *Cherax*);~~  
21      (17) ~~white amur or "grass carp" (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*);~~  
22      (18) ~~swamp or "rice" eel (*Monopterus albus*);~~  
23      (19) ~~red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*);~~  
24      (20) ~~zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*);~~  
25      (21) ~~quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) or any mussel in the family Dreissenidae; or~~  
26      (22) ~~redtail catfish (*Phraetoecephalus hemioliopterus*).~~  
27      (1) African longfin eel (*Anguilla mossambica*);  
28      (2) amur sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*);  
29      (3) applesnail (any species of the genus *Pomacea*);  
30      (4) Asian swamp eel, swamp or rice eel (*Monopterus albus*);  
31      (5) Australian red claw crayfish or red claw (*Cherax quadricarinatus*, or other species in the genus  
32              *Cherax*);  
33      (6) bigclaw crayfish (*Faxonius placidus*);  
34      (7) bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*);  
35      (8) black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*);  
36      (9) brown hoplo (*Hoplosternum littorale*);  
37      (10) Chinese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*);

- (11) Creole painted crayfish (*Faxonius palmeri creolanus*);
- (12) Crucian Carp (*Carassius carassius*);
- (13) European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*);
- (14) European minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*);
- (15) European perch (*Perca fluviatilis*);
- (16) Japanese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina japonica*);
- (17) marbled Crayfish or Marmorkrebs (*Procambarus virginalis* or *Procambarus fallax f. virginalis*);
- (18) olive mysterysnail (*Viviparus subpurpureus*);
- (19) Oriental weatherfish (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*);
- (20) piranha (any species of the genera *Pristobrycon*, *Pygocentrus*, *Pygopristis*, or *Serrasalmus*);
- (21) Prussian Carp (*Carassius gibelio*);
- (22) quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) or any mussel in the family *Dreissenidae*;
- (23) red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*);
- (24) red-rim melania (*Melanoides tuberculatus* or *Melanoides tuberculata*);
- (25) redtail catfish (*Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*);
- (26) round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*);
- (27) rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus* or *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*);
- (28) ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus* or *Gymnocephalus cernua*);
- (29) rusty crayfish (*Faxonius rusticus*);
- (30) shortfin eel (*Anguilla australis*);
- (31) silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);
- (32) snakehead fish (from the Family *Channidae*, formerly *Ophiocephalidae*);
- (33) tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*, *Proterorhinus semilunaris*, and *Proterorhinus semipellucidus*);
- (34) virile crayfish (*Faxonius virilis*);
- (35) walking catfish (any member of the genus *Batrachus*);
- (36) white amur or grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), except for triploid individuals as permitted in Paragraph (b) of this Rule;
- (37) yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*); or
- (38) zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*).

(b) A person may buy, possess, or stock grass carp that have been certified to be triploid or sterile, only for the purpose of controlling aquatic vegetation under a permit issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee based on an evaluation of the potential for escapement and threat to sensitive aquatic habitats.

(c) It shall be unlawful to transport, possess, or release live river herring, also known as alewife or blueback herring, in the waters of the Little Tennessee River in and upstream of Lake Santeetlah and Cedar Cliff Lake, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings.

1     *History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274(c)(1c); 113-292;*  
2                         *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
3                         *Amended Eff. September 1, 1984;*  
4                         *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
5                         *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*  
6                         *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2002;*  
7                         *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2011; June 1, 2009, June 1, 2005; August 1, 2004;*  
8                         *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*  
9                         *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.*

**15A NCAC 10C .0305    LARGEMOUTH BASS**

(a) The daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass is five fish, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), ~~and (j), and~~ (l) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two of them may be less than 14 inches except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraph (l) of this Rule.

(b) In Lake Cammack in Alamance County, and Lake Holt in Granville County the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass is 10 fish and no more than two fish greater than 14 inches may be possessed.

(c) In Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, there is no daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass less than 14 inches. The daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass greater than 14 inches is five fish in aggregate.

(d) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Alabama Bass, and Spotted Bass is 10 fish in aggregate. The minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 12 inches.

(e) The minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 14 inches in the following:

- (1) Lake Raleigh in Wake County;
- (2) Lake Sutton in New Hanover County;
- (3) Pungo Lake in Washington and Hyde counties;
- (4) New Lake in Hyde County; and
- (5) Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle sounds, and all their tributaries including Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam, Chowan River, Meherrin River, Yeopim River, Pasquotank River, Perquimans River, Little River, Big Flatty Creek, North River, Northwest River, Scuppernong River, Alligator River (including the Alligator/Pungo Canal east of the NC Hwy 264/45 bridge, and all other associated tributaries and canals in these river systems.

(f) In Cane Creek Lake in Union County, and Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 16 inches.

(g) In Lake Phelps in Tyrrell and Washington counties, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 14 inches, and no fish between 16 and 20 inches may be possessed.

(h) In Shearon Harris Reservoir in Chatham and Wake counties and Lake Hampton in Yadkin County, there is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two Largemouth Bass less than 14 inches and no Largemouth Bass between 16 and 20 inches may be possessed.

(i) In Lake Thom-A-Lex in Davidson County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 18 inches.

(j) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, ~~Virginia~~) ~~there~~ Virginia, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass is 5 fish in aggregate. There is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only one Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

(k) In Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 16 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

(l) In Jean Guite Creek and associated canals within the Town of Southern ~~Shores, Shores in Dare County, County~~  
and in the ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County, no Largemouth Bass may be possessed.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*

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*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 10, 1990, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 22, 1990, for a period of 168 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1991, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1991;*

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becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*

*Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;*

*Amended Eff. April 1, 1999;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*

*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. March 8, 2002 [This rule replaces the rule proposed for permanent  
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*Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*

*Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,  
2003);*

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

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**15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS**

(a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of this Rule.

(b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

(c) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.

(d) In Lake Norman, Hyco Lake, Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

(e) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 15 in the aggregate. There is no minimum size limit, but only two may be greater than 22 inches.

(f) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is three fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches.

(g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (f), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 26 inches. In these waters, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.

(h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn ~~Dam, Dam and in the ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County.~~, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.

(i) In the inland and joint fishing waters of the Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area, as established in 15A NCAC 03R .0201 and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0110, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the open season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit. Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.

(j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie River and



1 their tributaries), the Striped Bass fishing season, size limits, and creel limits are the same as those established by rules  
2 or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

3 (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-and-  
4 line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate  
5 the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*

8 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*

9 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*

10 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*

11 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.*

1   **15A NCAC 10C .0316   TROUT**

2   (a) The daily creel limit for trout in Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit  
3   for these fish. The open season is from 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until March 1, except for waters designated  
4   in Paragraph (g) of this Rule.

5   (b) The daily creel limit for trout in Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout/Natural Bait Trout Waters is four fish. The  
6   minimum size limit for these fish is seven inches. There is no closed season.

7   (c) No trout may be harvested from Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters or ~~Catch and~~  
8   ~~Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters~~. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters.

9   (d) The daily creel limit for trout in Delayed Harvest Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for  
10   these fish. The Youth-only Delayed Harvest Trout Water Season is from 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until 12  
11   p.m. that same day. During this season only individuals under the age of 18 may fish. From 12 p.m. on the first  
12   Saturday in June until September 30, the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Season is open for all anglers. From October  
13   1 to one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June, trout may not be harvested or possessed  
14   while fishing these waters. Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are closed to all fishing from one-half hour after sunset on  
15   the Friday before the first Saturday in June to 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June.

16   (e) The daily creel limits, size limits, and seasons for trout in Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:

17       (1)    Apalachia Reservoir (Cherokee County) the daily creel limit is three trout. There is no minimum  
18              size limit, but only one may be greater than 14 inches. There is no closed season.

19       (2)    Catawba River (Burke County) from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam the  
20              daily creel limit is two fish. The minimum size limit is 14 inches. There is no closed season.

21   (f) The daily creel limit for trout in undesignated trout waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for these  
22   fish.

23   (g) There is no closed season on taking trout from Linville River within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and the  
24   impounded waters of the following power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the  
25   public for fishing.

26       (1)    Bear Creek Lake;

27       (2)    Buckeye Creek Reservoir;

28       (3)    Calderwood Reservoir;

29       (4)    Cedar Cliff Lake;

30       (5)    Cheoah Reservoir;

31       (6)    Cliffside Lake;

32       (7)    Tanassee Creek Lake;

33       (8)    Queens Creek Lake; and

34       (9)    Wolf Lake.

35   (h) In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters the season for taking all species of fish is the same as the trout fishing  
36   season.

37   (i) All trout water designations and manners of take are set forth in 15A NCAC 10C .0205.

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*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*  
                          *Eff. November 1, 2013;*  
                          *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015;*  
                          *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*  
                          *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.*

**15A NCAC 10C .0321 SMALLMOUTH BASS**

(a) The daily creel limit for Smallmouth Bass is five fish, except in waters identified in Paragraphs ~~(b) and (c)~~, (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for Smallmouth Bass, but only two of them may be less than 14 inches except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule. There is no closed season.

(b) In Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, there is no daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass less than 14 inches. The daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass greater than 14 inches is five fish in aggregate.

(c) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Alabama Bass, and Spotted Bass is 10 fish in aggregate. There is no minimum size limit for Smallmouth Bass.

(d) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, ~~Virginia~~) there Virginia, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass is 5 fish in aggregate. There is no minimum size limit for Smallmouth Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only one Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*  
*Eff. August 1, 2020.*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.*

1   **15A NCAC 10C .0322   ALABAMA BASS AND SPOTTED BASS**

2   (a) There is no daily creel limit for Alabama Bass or Spotted Bass, except for waters identified in paragraph (b) and  
3   (c) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit or closed season.

4   (b) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Alabama Bass,  
5   and Spotted Bass is 10 fish in aggregate.

6   (c) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, ~~Virginia~~) ~~there~~  
7   Virginia), the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass is 5 fish in aggregate. There  
8   is no minimum size limit for Spotted Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only  
9   one Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

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11   *History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*

12                     *Eff. August 1, 2020.*

13                     *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.*

**15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES**

(a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, it is unlawful to take nongame fishes from the inland fishing waters of North Carolina in any manner other than with hook and line, grabbling, or special device with a special device fishing license.

(b) Nongame fishes may be taken by hook and line, grabbling, or special device with a special device fishing license at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel limits, except as designated in this Rule.

(c) Special devices may only be used to take nongame fishes with a special device fishing license in those counties and waters with open season designated in Rule .0407 of this Section.

(d) Archery equipment may only be used for the take of catfish on Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line and all tributaries.

(e) Set hooks, jug hooks, and trotlines may be used to take nongame fishes as designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0206.

(f) The season for taking nongame fishes by hook and line in designated public mountain trout waters is the same as the trout fishing season. Trout seasons are designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0316.

(g) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in:

- (1) Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County; and
- (2) University Lake in Orange County.

The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).

(h) Blue crabs shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and it is unlawful to possess more than 50 crabs per person per day or to exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.

(i) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no person shall take river herring (alewife and blueback herring) that are greater than six inches in length, or possess such herring regardless of origin in:

- (1) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;
- (2) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;
- (3) Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam;
- (4) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;
- (5) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;
- (6) Lumber River, including Drowning Creek;
- (7) all the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and
- (8) all other inland fishing waters east of I-95.

(j) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take ~~channel, white, channel~~ or blue catfish by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit for channel catfish is seven. Waters where this creel limit applies shall be posted on-site with signs indicating the creel limit.

(k) The daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish in the following ~~reservoirs:~~ waters:

- (1) Lake Norman;

- (2) Mountain Island Lake;  
(3) Lake Wylie;  
(4) Badin Lake;  
(5) Lake Tillery;  
(6) John H. Kerr Reservoir (North Carolina portion);  
(7) Dan River (Downstream of the Union Street Dam in Danville, VA)  
~~(7)(8)~~ Lake Gaston (North Carolina portion); and  
~~(8)(9)~~ Roanoke Rapids Reservoir.

(l) The daily creel limit is five catfish in aggregate on the Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line and all tributaries.

(m) The daily creel limit for American eels taken from or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in inland fishing waters is 25, and the minimum size limit is 9 inches. Eels greater than 9 inches in length and with a minimum body depth greater than ½ inch may be cut for use as bait.

(n) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, and Lake Wylie, except that one fish per day may be taken with archery equipment.

(o) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake Norman and the North Carolina portion of John H. Kerr Reservoir, except for scientific study by permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(p) In inland fishing waters, gray trout (weakfish) recreational seasons, size limits, and creel limits are the same as those established by Marine Fisheries Commission rule or proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

(q) No person while fishing shall remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish specified in Paragraphs (h), (i), (k), (m), and (p) of this Rule having a size limit so as to render it impractical to measure its total original ~~length.~~ length, except as provided in Paragraph (m) of this rule. No person while fishing shall change the appearance of any nongame fish specified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), and (p) of this Rule having a daily creel limit so as to obscure its identification or render it impractical to count the number of fish in ~~possession.~~ possession, except as provided in Paragraph (m) of this rule.

(r) Nongame fishes taken by hook and line, grabbling, or by special device with a special device fishing license may be sold, with the following exceptions:

- (1) alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties);  
(2) blue crab; and  
(3) bowfin.

(s) Margined madtom and tadpole madtom shall not be taken or possessed from inland fishing waters.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992;*

1                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994;*  
2                   *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*  
3                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
4                   *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
5                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
6                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
7                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
8                   *Amended Eff. May 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
9                   *2003);*  
10                  *Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
11                  *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*  
12                  *1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*  
13                  *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2020.*  
14                  *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.*



**15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

(a) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in the inland waters of North Carolina using equipment other than:

- (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
- (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County where there is no length limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
- (3) a cast net;
- (4) a bow net for the seasons and waters in which the use of bow nets is authorized in 15A NCAC 10C .0407;
- (5) a dip net when used in conjunction with a licensed hand-crank electrofisher;
- (6) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);
- (7) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC 10C .0407;
- (8) up to two eel pots;
- (9) a spear gun for the seasons and waters in which the use of a spear gun is authorized in 15A NCAC 10C .0407;
- (10) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings not exceeding one inch in diameter, from which all fish and animals are removed daily, and that are labeled with the user's Wildlife Resources Commission customer number or name and address;
- (11) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;
- (12) a single, multiple-bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length, marked on each end with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter, bearing legible and indelible identification of the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person using the device, with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or
- (13) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by design is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to the bottom, with a limit of one trap per person.

(b) The use of equipment under this Rule requires a valid license that provides basic inland fishing privileges.

(c) It is unlawful to sell nongame fishes or aquatic animals taken under this Rule.

(d) Game fishes taken shall be returned unharmed to the water, except white perch may be taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of I-95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).

(e) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal consumption subject to the size and creel limits identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401.

(f) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.

(g) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait from the following waters:

- (1) Public Mountain Trout Waters (except in impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs);
- (2) Bear Creek in Chatham County;
- (3) Deep River in Chatham, Lee, and Moore counties and downstream of Coleridge Dam in Randolph County;
- (4) Fork Creek in Randolph County; and
- (5) Rocky River in Chatham County.

(i) No person while fishing shall remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish having a size limit identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401 so as to render it impractical to measure its total original ~~length~~. length, except as provided in 15A NCAC 10C .0401(m). No person while fishing shall change the appearance of any nongame fish having a daily creel limit identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401 so as to obscure its identification or render it impractical to count the number of fish in ~~possession~~. possession, except as provided in 15A NCAC 10C .0401(m).

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;*  
*Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
*Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
*Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015;*  
*August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006;*  
*Readopted Eff. August 1, 2021.*



# EXHIBIT D-1

February 25, 2021

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2021-2022

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Proposed Text</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Position</i>	<i>Comment Type</i>
H1	This proposal modifies the definition of a muzzleloading firearm to allow for the use of pre-loaded powder capsules in muzzleloaders during blackpowder season.	116	57	14	Online: 182 Letter/Email: 5
H2	This proposal modifies the permitted archery equipment to allow for the use of sling bow for taking white-tailed deer.	59	50	18	Online: 127 Letter/Email: 0
H3	This proposal will create a NCWRC private land program called "Wild Quail Management Areas" and will allow dedicated property managers enrolled in the Program to implement specific additional management actions.	109	6	14	Online: 129 Letter/Email: 0
H4	This proposed rule amendment will allow the use of remote trap checking systems in lieu of a physical trap check under specified conditions.	90	15	16	Online: 114 Letter/Email: 7
H5	This proposed rule amendment corrects the open season for the take of bear in Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank counties.	67	8	30	Online: 105 Letter/Email: 0

## District Report Summary for 2021

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## EXHIBIT D-2

February 25, 2021



### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO *WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS* FOR 2021-2022 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION**

- H1)** This proposal modifies the definition of a muzzleloading firearm to allow for the use of pre-loaded powder capsules in muzzleloaders during blackpowder season.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 (page 5)*
- H2)** This proposal modifies the permitted archery equipment to allow for the use of sling bow for taking white-tailed deer.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0116 (page 7)*
- H3)** This proposal will create a NCWRC private land program called “Wild Quail Management Areas” and will allow dedicated property managers enrolled in the Program to implement specific additional management actions.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0227 (pages 8-9)*
- H4)** This proposed rule amendment will allow the use of remote trap checking systems in lieu of a physical trap check under specified conditions.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0110 (page 10)*
- H5)** This proposed rule amendment corrects the open season for the take of bear in Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank counties.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 (page 11)*

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

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

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

(A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus\*, Cumberland, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

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

(B) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

(C) Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.

(D) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

(E) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

(F) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

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

(A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden,

1 Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts  
2 of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in  
3 those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in  
4 those parts of Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay  
5 Island National Wildlife Refuge.

6 (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands at each of  
7 the military installations listed in this Paragraph, during the period from Saturday on or nearest  
8 October 15 through January 1 in that part of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military  
9 Ocean Terminal, in that part of Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in  
10 that part of Onslow County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg  
11 Military Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

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

19 (D) The first open Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of  
20 this Rule in all of Buncombe\*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties.

21 \*Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US  
22 25, and north of NC 280

23 (E) The first open day of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this  
24 Rule through the first Saturday thereafter in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and  
25 Yancey counties.

26 (F) The first open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this  
27 Rule through the second Friday thereafter in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.

28 (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this  
29 Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties and  
30 in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad  
31 and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and Henderson; That part east of NC  
32 191 and north and west of NC 280.

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

35 (b) Open Seasons (Archery) for hunting deer:

36 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set  
37 out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer may be taken with archery equipment during the following seasons:

- (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the first open day of the Blackpowder Firearms and Archery Seasons described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and archery season identified in Part (c)(1)(B) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Archery seasons on these Game Lands).
- (B) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers through January 1 in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the archery season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer may be used during the archery deer hunting season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken during archery seasons specified by Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (D) Only deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, shall be taken during the archery season specified by Part (b)(1)(B) of this Rule.

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

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be taken only with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment during the following seasons:
- (A) Two Saturdays preceding the first day of the Deer with Visible Antlers seasons described in Parts (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (E), and (F) of this Rule through the second Friday thereafter except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Blackpowder Firearms and Archery seasons on these Game Lands):
- (B) Monday on or nearest October 1 through the second Saturday thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule.
- (2) Restrictions
- (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and archery season in any county or county part set forth in Part (a)(2)(G) of this Rule that has either-sex days for all lawful weapons and in the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, and Cleveland. Deer of either sex may be taken on the first Saturday day of this season only in all other counties.
- (B) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and



1 archery seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in  
2 accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

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

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

- 11 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set  
12 out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in participating cities in  
13 the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following January 1 through the sixth Sunday  
14 thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof that occurs within a city boundary.
- 15 (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no later than  
16 April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his designee at 1722 Mail  
17 Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1700. Cities shall also submit a map of the city's boundaries within which  
18 the urban season shall apply.
- 19 (3) Restrictions:
- 20 (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided  
21 in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single  
22 dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- 23 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer shall be  
24 used during the urban season.

25 (e) Bag limits. The possession and season limit is six deer, two of which may be deer with visible antlers and four of which may  
26 be antlerless deer. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes  
27 protruding through the skin. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer  
28 harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional  
29 antlerless deer per card for deer harvested during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of  
30 participating municipalities, except on State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless  
31 harvest report card shall not count as part of the possession and season limit. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer  
32 harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those  
33 individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season bag limits  
34 shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under this program, regardless  
35 of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does  
36 not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags.  
37 Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly

1 established deer seasons subject to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game  
2 harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5;*  
5 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
6 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1, 1994; July 1,*  
7 *1993;*  
8 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
9 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
10 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
11 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
13 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*  
14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1,*  
15 *2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1,*  
16 *2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*  
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**15A NCAC 10B .0116 PERMITTED ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

(a) "Archery equipment" means any device that has a solid, stationary handle, two limbs, and a string, that uses non-pneumatic means to propel a single arrow or bolt and may be used to take game and nongame species.

(b) ~~When used for taking bear, deer, elk, wild turkey, alligator, and feral swine, longbows~~ Longbows and recurved bows ~~having shall~~ shall have a minimum pull of 40 pounds, compound bows having a minimum pull of 35 pounds, and crossbows ~~having shall~~ shall have a minimum pull of 100 ~~pounds. pounds shall be used for taking bear, deer, elk, wild turkey, alligator, and feral swine.~~

(c) Archery equipment utilizing an elastic string and having a minimum pull of 40 pounds may be used to take deer, wild turkey, small game animals, nongame animals, and nongame fish.

(d) Only arrows and bolts with a fixed minimum broadhead width of seven-eighths of an inch or a mechanically opening broadhead with a width of at least seven-eighths of an inch in the open position shall be used for taking bear, deer, elk, wild turkey, alligator, and feral swine.

(e) Blunt-type arrow heads may be used in taking small animals and birds including rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse, and pheasants.

(f) Poisonous, drugged, or explosive arrowheads shall not be used for taking any wildlife.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1(a);*

*Eff. September 1, 1980;*

*Amended Eff. August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2007; August 1, 2002; July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; August 1, 1990;*

*Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*

*Amended August 1, 2021*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0227 WILD QUAIL MANGEMENT AREAS**

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3 (a) A Wild Quail Management Area shall be land maintained to enhance enjoyment of sportsmen and support wild bobwhite  
4 quail conservation under signed agreement between the landowner(s) and the Wildlife Resources Commission.

5 (b) The following minimum qualifications shall apply to all Wild Quail Management Areas:

- 6 (1) At least ~~1,500~~ 500 acres of contiguous land; and  
7 (2) A minimum of 225 acres or 15% of the ~~land~~ land, whichever is greater, shall be maintained in year-round  
8 bobwhite quail habitat.

9 (c) Wild bobwhite quail habitat shall be any habitat described as early successional habitat within the North Carolina Wildlife  
10 Action Plan, available online, free of charge, at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

11 (d) Landowners interested in establishing a Wild Quail Management Area shall contact the Commission as described on the  
12 Commission's website at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

13 (e) The signed agreement between the landowner(s) and the Commission shall include at a minimum:

- 14 (1) A list of all owners of land included in the Wild Quail Management Area;  
15 (2) County parcel identification information for each parcel to be included in the Wild Quail Management Area;  
16 (3) A scaled map of the Wild Quail Management Area with the areas to be maintained in year-round bobwhite  
17 quail habitat clearly identified;  
18 (4) Management practices to be used to maintain bobwhite quail habitat and populations; and  
19 (5) Any reporting requirements in addition to the minimum requirements in (g)(6) that are specific to the individual  
20 Wild Quail Management Area.

21 (f) Property inspection:

- 22 (1) All potential properties shall be inspected by a representative of the Commission prior to acceptance into the  
23 program; and  
24 (2) Wild Quail Management Areas shall be inspected by a representative of the Commission at least once every  
25 five years.

26 (g) The following shall apply to all Wild Quail Management Areas:

- 27 (1) No domestically raised upland game birds shall be released on Wild Quail Management Areas;  
28 (2) The hunting of wild bobwhite quail shall only be permitted during the established seasons in 15A NCAC 10B  
29 .0208.  
30 (3) Supplemental feeding, if conducted, shall be for the primary purpose of ensuring that wild bobwhite quail  
31 populations remain stable during droughts or other periods of stressful environmental conditions. Supplemental  
32 feed shall:  
33 (A) be broadcast into quail habitat along a minimum linear distance of at least one mile per 100 acres of  
34 habitat at a rate of three bushels per mile;  
35 (B) be broadcast on a bi-weekly schedule during at least five months each year  
36 (C) be broadcast using a non-stationary spreader;  
37 (D) be only natural grains or seed; and

1 (E) not be placed to attract birds for the purpose of hunting.

2 (4) Except for wild bobwhite quail on Wild Quail Management Areas, no wild birds may be taken near or with  
3 the aid of supplemental feed.

4 (5) Trapping for raccoon, striped skunk, and opossum on Wild Quail Management Areas for the purpose of nest  
5 predator control shall be allowed from the end of the established trapping season in 15A NCAC 10B .0303  
6 through May 31. Enclosed foot-hold traps with a one-way trigger or cage traps may be used, and trapped  
7 raccoons, striped skunks, and opossums may be euthanized or released at the trap site.

8 (6) An annual report for the period of June 1 through May 31 shall be submitted to the Commission within 30 days  
9 of the end of the reporting period, and shall include at least the following:

10 (A) number of days and hours wild bobwhite quail were hunted;

11 (B) total annual harvest of wild bobwhite quail;

12 (C) total number of coveys flushed;

13 (D) supplemental feeding activities;

14 (E) number of trap nights, number of animals trapped and their disposition or release, by species, for  
15 trapping activity conducted during trapping seasons established by 15A NCAC 10B .0303; and

16 (F) number of trap nights, number of animals trapped and their disposition or release, by species, for  
17 trapping activity conducted outside of trapping seasons established by 15A NCAC 10B .0303.

18 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113- 291.1;  
19 Eff. August 1, 2021.  
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0110 ATTENDANCE OF TRAPS**

2 (a) Every trap shall be visited daily and any animal caught therein removed, except for completely submerged conibear type traps  
3 which shall be visited once every 72 hours and any animal caught therein removed.

4 (b) Remote trap checking systems may be used in lieu of visiting the trap, provided the system has the following features:

- 5 (1) a control unit that monitors the trap in real-time and reports trap status and unit status to a centralized  
6 application database at least once every 12 hours;  
7 (2) a software application that notifies the user of unit status, trap activity and system health issues within 10  
8 minutes of these events via email, text-based messaging systems, or an in-application notification; and  
9 (3) on-demand test procedure that is used at each deployment of a unit to confirm that the unit is placed in a  
10 location where its wireless communication can be received and processed.

11 (c) If the remote trap checking system control unit reports a trap closure, the trap shall be physically visited within 24 hours of  
12 the time the trap was reported closed.

13 (d) If a remote trap checking system control unit fails to report its status after a 12 hour period, or reports a system health issue,  
14 the trap shall be physically visited within 24 hours of the last time a status report was sent.

15 (e) Remote trap checking system users shall maintain records of trap status and notification alarms for a period of no less than  
16 seven days after receipt. Records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a representative of the Commission.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.6;*  
19 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
20 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; July 1, 1988.*  
21 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2021.*

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

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

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

**(b) Restrictions**

- (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain, fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components.
- (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
  - (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum, candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
  - (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
  - (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph, including any extracts of those substances; or
  - (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday 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 Subparagraphs  
2 (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, Anson west  
5 of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln,  
6 Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union,  
7 and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs  
8 and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.

9 (c) No Open Season. It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit issued by the  
10 Commission. See 15A NCAC 10D .0106 for posted bear sanctuaries.

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

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*  
14 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
15 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*  
16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
17 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*  
19 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*  
20 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*  
21 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*  
22 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008;*  
23 *May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*  
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;*  
25 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016;*  
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*  
27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2019.*





## EXHIBIT E-1

February 25, 2021

### Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Game Lands Regulations for 2021-2022

Proposal	Proposed Text	Agree	Disagree	No Position	Comment Type
G1	Codifies the Commission's authority to manage public access to and use of Commission property and/or waive any non-statutorily required rules in Chapter 10 to protect public health, public safety, wildlife resources, and Commission property.	52	49	14	Online: 113 Letter/Email: 2
G2	This proposal will redefine the description of a Temporary Restricted Zone.	56	35	11	Online: 102 Letter/Email: 0
G3	Remove the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility from the NCAC.	53	2	22	Online: 77 Letter/Email: 0
G4	Clarify that coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs are authorized to be taken on game lands by trapping during the regulated trapping season (November 1 through end of February). This rule also clarifies that foxes can be trapped on game lands during the regulated trapping season in counties with a session law that authorizes fox trapping in that county. This proposal also establishes a closed trapping season on game lands from April 1 through October 31.	79	12	11	Online: 102 Letter/Email: 0
G5	Clarify that licensed trappers can use bait on game lands while trapping.	74	21	12	Online: 107 Letter/Email: 0
G6	Clarify NCAC rule text that identifies where game lands designated in the disabled access program are listed.	68	2	7	Online: 77 Letter/Email: 0
G7	Amend NCAC rule text by removing Brunswick County Game Land.	49	3	19	Online: 71 Letter/Email: 0
G8	Clarify NCAC rule text that establishes the December segment of the bear season for Alligator River, Buckridge, Chowan Swamp, Gull Rock, and Van Swamp game lands.	50	3	18	Online: 71 Letter/Email: 0
G9	Clarify that horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16–August 31, and on Sundays only September 1–May 15 on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell, Chatham, Jordan, and Pee Dee River game lands. This proposal will also allow equestrian riding on gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use at Pee Dee River Game Land. This proposal will also clarify that a Game Land License is not needed to ride horses on the American Tobacco Trail at Jordan Game Land.	80	30	18	Online: 126 Letter/Email: 2
G10	Prohibit the pursuing or chasing of deer and bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting on the Beaufort County portion of Goose Creek Game Land north of NC 33.	104	220	9	Online: 319 Letter/Email: 14
G11	Implement permanent rule text to replace a temporary rule that corrected a clerical error in the NCAC regarding the primitive weapons seasons for deer on Nicholson Creek Game Land.	52	1	14	Online: 66 Letter/Email: 1
G12	Change Perkins Game Land from an Introductory Either-Sex Gun Season to a Conservative Either-Sex Gun Season.	77	7	9	Online: 93 Letter/Email: 0
G13	Clarify the times and places where horseback riding will be permitted and not allowed on the Sandhills Game Land.	68	13	16	Online: 96 Letter/Email: 1
G14	Amend NCAC rule text to remove references to impoundments on Stones Creek Game Land.	56	0	14	Online: 70 Letter/Email: 0
G15	Prohibit horseback riding at William H. Silver Game Land.	87	16	8	Online: 109 Letter/Email: 2
G16	Clarify NCAC rule text regarding restrictions on Wildlife Conservation Areas.	66	3	18	Online: 87 Letter/Email: 0
G17	Add the definition of a "Seven Days per Week Game Land" and indicate that hunting is allowed Monday through Sunday during open seasons. Also add the definition for a "Four Days per Week Game Land" and indicate that hunting is allowed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Further, as per G.S. 103-2, this rule will indicate that on Sundays, hunting between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM is prohibited, the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs is prohibited, and hunting within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, is prohibited.	258	221	6	Online: 383 Letter/Email: 102
G18	Change the following six game lands to "Four Days per Week Game Lands": - Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve - Columbus County - Mitchell River - Perkins - Robeson - Sampson	160	49	13	Online: 217 Letter/Email: 5

G19	<p>Change the following 45 game lands to "Seven Days per Week Game Lands": - Alcoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alligator River</li> <li>- Angola Bay</li> <li>- Bachelor Bay</li> <li>- Brinkleyville</li> <li>- Buffalo Cove</li> <li>- Cape Fear River Wetlands</li> <li>- Carteret County</li> <li>- Chatham</li> <li>- Chowan</li> <li>- Cold Mountain</li> <li>- Croatan</li> <li>- Currituck Banks</li> <li>- Dare</li> <li>- Elk Knob</li> <li>- Embro</li> <li>- Goose Creek</li> <li>- Gull Rock</li> <li>- Harris</li> <li>- Hyco- Juniper Creek</li> <li>- Lee</li> <li>- Light Ground Pocosin</li> <li>- Linwood</li> <li>- Lower Fishing Creek</li> <li>- Mayo</li> <li>- Nantahala</li> <li>- Needmore</li> <li>- New Lake</li> <li>- North River</li> </ul>	371	287	5	Online: 645 Letter/Email: 18
G20	<p>Prohibit the harvest of bear on Sunday on the following game lands in the Coastal Bear Management Unit: - Alligator River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Angola Bay</li> <li>- Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve</li> <li>- Cape Fear River Wetlands</li> <li>- Carteret County</li> <li>- Chowan</li> <li>- Croatan</li> <li>- Currituck Banks</li> <li>- Goose Creek</li> <li>- Gull Rock</li> <li>- Juniper Creek</li> <li>- Light Ground Pocosin</li> <li>- New Lake</li> <li>- North River</li> <li>- Northwest River Marsh</li> <li>- Robeson</li> <li>- Sampson</li> <li>- Sutton Lake</li> <li>- Van Swamp</li> </ul>	128	59	20	Online: 205 Letter/Email: 2

## District Report Summary for 2021

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RegulationNumber	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	Out of State	District Unknown
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# EXHIBIT E-2

February 25, 2021



## Proposed Changes to Property, Game Land, and Wildlife Conservation Area Regulations for 2021-2022 and Rule Text for Commission Action

### Property

- G1. Codify the Commission's authority to manage public access and use of Commission property and/or waive any non-statutorily required rules in Chapter 10 to protect public health, public safety, wildlife resources, and Commission property.

**Justification:**

The Commission is authorized to regulate, prohibit or restrict public use of property by rule; however, a single rule does not currently exist that restricts public use and can be applied to the variety of Commission managed properties (buildings, boating access area, public fishing areas, game lands). This rule will provide flexibility to temporarily restrict access to Commission property as needed during emergency situations to protect public health, public safety, wildlife resources, and Commission property. This proposal also gives the Commission authority to temporarily waive any non-statutorily required rules in Chapter 10 upon the declaration of a national emergency, disaster, or state of emergency, by a federal, state, or local governmental authority impacting North Carolina.

*15A NCAC 10A .1102 Emergency Closures and Waivers (page 8)*

### Game Lands and Wildlife Conservation Areas

- G2. This proposal will redefine the description of a Temporary Restricted Zone.

**Justification:**

Redefining the Temporary Restricted Zone description is needed to align this definition with the proposed Emergency Closure and Waiver rule. The new definition provides flexibility to the Commission to post an area of game land as a Temporary Restricted Zone solely when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public, regardless of the cause for the danger.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 9)*

- G3. Remove the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility from the NCAC.

**Justification:**

The State no longer owns this property and this proposed rule removes references of it in the NCAC.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 11)*

- G4. Clarify that coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs are authorized to be taken on game lands by trapping during the regulated trapping season (November 1 through end of February). This rule also clarifies that foxes can be trapped on game lands during the regulated trapping season in counties with a session law that authorizes fox trapping in that county. This proposal also establishes a closed trapping season on game lands from April 1 through October 31.

**Justification:**

There has been confusion about the legality of trapping foxes, coyotes, armadillo, and groundhogs on game lands. This proposal will clarify the rules for this activity. This proposal will also establish a closed trapping season to avoid conflicts and confusion among game land users.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 12)*

- G5. Clarify that licensed trappers can use bait on game lands while trapping.

**Justification:**

NCAC text about using bait on game lands for trapping is unclear and various interpretations about this rule have been made by Commission staff and the public. This rule will provide a specific definition of bait and include requirement that trappers must follow. Specifically: at each trap, trappers may use a single bait site of grain, fruit, or other foods when trapping if the food is not a processed food product as defined in GS 113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches, and is completely covered to prevent it from being seen from above. Feathers (including those with attached skin or entire bird wings), hair (with or without skin or hide), and bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera do not need to be covered.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 12)*

- G6. Clarify NCAC rule text that identifies where game lands designated in the disabled access program are listed.

**Justification:**

This proposal clarifies that game lands designated in the disabled access program are listed in the regulations digest and not in the NCAC.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 14)*

- G7. Amend NCAC rule text by removing Brunswick County Game Land.

**Justification:**

The private landowner removed Brunswick County Game Land from the Game Land Program in 2017. This change will update the NC Administrative Code.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 20)*

- G8. Clarify NCAC rule text that establishes the December segment of the bear season for Alligator River, Buckridge, Chowan Swamp, Gull Rock, and Van Swamp game lands.

**Justification:**

An administrative change to clarify language in the NCAC.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 19, 20, 23, 26, and 39)*

- G9. Clarify that horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 – August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 – May 15 on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell, Chatham, Jordan, and Pee Dee River game lands. This proposal will also allow equestrian riding on gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use at Pee Dee River Game Land. This proposal will also clarify that a Game Land License is not needed to ride horses on the American Tobacco Trail at Jordan Game Land.

**Justification:**

The existing rule language is confusing regarding Sundays during hunting seasons and has been interpreted differently from the way it was intended. This will make the permitted riding times easier to understand. This change will also allow for more horseback riding opportunities at Pee Dee River Game Land and clarify needs for a Game Land License at Jordan Game Land.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 22, 23, 28, 32)*

- G10. Prohibit the pursuing or chasing of deer and bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting on the Beaufort County portion of Goose Creek Game Land north of NC 33 **except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.**

**Justification:**

Landowners adjacent to this portion of the game land have complained and reported about trespass, unleashed dogs on their property, and harassing and intimidating behaviors from dog hunters.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 26)*

- G11. Implement permanent rule text to replace a temporary rule that corrected a clerical error in the NCAC regarding the primitive weapons seasons for deer on Nicholson Creek Game Land.

**Justification:**

An administrative change to clarify language in the NCAC.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 31)*

- G12. Change Perkins Game Land from an Introductory Either-Sex Gun Season to a Conservative Either-Sex Gun Season.

**Justification:**

This proposal would increase hunter opportunities by adding five days for when antlerless deer could be harvested on Perkins Game Land during the either-sex gun season. Perkins Game Land is approximately 1,100 acres in size and located in Davie County. Deer densities near this game land in Davie County suggest that these additional five days of opportunity would not adversely affect the local deer population. This change would closer align the Perkins Game Land regulations with nearby properties enrolled in the Game Land Program that are in the Maximum Either Sex-Gun Season. Lastly, the property owner is supportive of this change.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 33)*

- G13. Clarify the times and places where horseback riding will be permitted and not allowed on the Sandhills Game Land.

**Justification:**



The existing rule language does not address horseback riding outside of the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of the Sandhills Game Land. This rule will make it clear that horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week. For safety reasons and the protection of sensitive habitats, this rule will also establish that horseback riding can only occur on roads open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads or trails posted for equestrian use.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 36)*

- G14. Amend NCAC rule text to remove references to impoundments on Stones Creek Game Land.

**Justification:**

Posted waterfowl impoundment do not exist on this game land.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 37)*

- G15. Prohibit horseback riding at William H. Silver Game Land.

**Justification:**

A great deal of the habitat management on the game land is focused on habitat improvements for elk. These habitat improvements converted old logging trails and roads to linear wildlife openings. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has made significant financial contributions to assist in the creation of these linear wildlife openings. Recently, groups of horseback riders have been riding on linear wildlife openings on the game land. As a result, the vegetation planted for wildlife in the linear openings is getting damaged and/or destroyed. The damaged/destroyed vegetation also creates the threat for erosion problems.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 40)*

- G16. Clarify NCAC rule text regarding restrictions on Wildlife Conservation Areas.

**Justification:**

An administrative change to clarify language in the NCAC.

*15A NCAC 10J .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 43)*

- G17. Add the definition of a “Seven Days per Week Game Land” and indicate that hunting is allowed Monday through Sunday during open seasons. Also add the definition for a “Four Days per Week Game Land” and indicate that hunting is allowed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Further, as per G.S. 103-2, this rule will indicate that on Sundays, hunting with a fire arm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM is prohibited, the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs is prohibited, and hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, is prohibited.

**Justification:**

G.S. 103-2 gives the Commission the authority to authorize hunting on Sundays on Game Lands. This proposal will amend the definitions of game lands and identify Sunday as an open day for “Seven Days per Week Areas” and “Four Days per Week Areas”. This rule also outlines the restrictions to Sunday hunting as outlined in G.S. 103-2.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 18)*

G18. Change the following six game lands to “Four Days per Week Game Lands”:

Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve
Columbus County
Mitchell River
Perkins
Robeson
Sampson

**Justification:**

G.S. 103-2 gives the Commission the authority to authorize hunting on Sunday on Game Lands. Based on seven in-person public meetings, two virtual public meetings, three focus group meetings with stakeholders, an Agency staff retreat, discussions with landowning partners, biological staff, and commissioners, and a follow up meeting with stakeholders, the following criteria were used to help evaluate the feasibility of Sunday hunting on game lands: rural game lands that are not heavily used by non-hunters, proximity to other game lands and public lands where hunting is prohibited, value to unique properties that are important to user groups, avoid game lands where past conflict has been a pattern. Given the results of the public input process, staff recommend that Sunday hunting be allowed at the above game lands and that these areas be changed from “Three Days per Week Areas” to “Four Days per Week Areas”.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 21 - 34)*

G19. Change the following 45 game lands to “Seven Days per Week Game Lands”:

Alcoa
Alligator River
Angola Bay
Bachelor Bay
Brinkleyville
Buffalo Cove
Cape Fear River Wetlands
Carteret County
Chatham
Chowan
Cold Mountain
Croatan
Currituck Banks
Dare
Elk Knob
Embro
Goose Creek
Gull Rock
Harris
Hyco

Juniper Creek
Lee
Light Ground Pocosin
Linwood
Lower Fishing Creek
Mayo
Nantahala
Needmore
New Lake
North River
Northwest River Marsh
Pee Dee River
Pisgah
Pond Mountain
Sandy Creek
Shocco Creek
South Mountains
Sutton Lake
Three Top Mountain
Thurmond Chatham
Tillery
Toxaway
Uwharrie
Van Swamp
William H. Silver

**Justification:**

G.S. 103-2 gives the Commission the authority to authorize hunting on Sunday on Game Lands. Based on seven in-person public meetings, two virtual public meetings, three focus group meetings with stakeholders, an Agency staff retreat, discussions with landowning partners, biological staff, and commissioners, and a follow up meeting with stakeholders, the following criteria were used to help evaluate the feasibility of Sunday hunting on game lands: rural game lands that are not heavily used by non-hunters, proximity to other game lands and public lands where hunting is prohibited, value to unique properties that are important to user groups, avoid game lands where past conflict has been a pattern. Given the results of the public input process, staff recommend that Sunday hunting be allowed at the above game lands and that these areas be changed from “Six Days per Week Areas” to “Seven Days per Week Areas”.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 19 - 40)*

G20. Prohibit the harvest of bear on Sunday on the following game lands in the Coastal Bear Management Unit:

Alligator River
Angola Bay
Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve
Cape Fear River Wetlands
Carteret County
Chowan
Croatan
Currituck Banks
Goose Creek
Gull Rock
Juniper Creek
Light Ground Pocosin
New Lake
North River
Northwest River Marsh
Robeson
Sampson
Sutton Lake
Van Swamp

**Justification:**

There is concern about allowing additional harvest of bear in the Coastal Bear Management Unit (CBMU) since the population objective of a 0% population growth rate is currently being met. Additional opportunities for harvest in the CBMU could result in negative population growth rate or a reduction in the population size. Further, increased weekend hunting on game lands in the CBMU that have significant bear hunting traditions could impact hunt quality. Therefore, recommendation at this time is to prohibit bear hunting on Sundays on the game lands in CBMU to meet the guiding principal identified by the focus groups, that the resources come first. If management objectives change or changes in the bear population are observed in the CBMU, staff will reevaluate the conditions and adjust the rule to allow for additional opportunities in the CBMU if warranted.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 19 - 39)*

1 **15 NCAC 10A .1102 EMERGENCY CLOSURES AND WAIVERS**

2 (a) The Commission may prohibit or restrict public access to and use of property allocated to the Wildlife Resources  
3 Commission if the Commission finds that the closure is necessary to protect public health, public safety, or wildlife  
4 resources. Closures exercised under this Paragraph shall only be exercised for the duration of the threat.

5 (b) The Commission may waive any rule in this Chapter or portion thereof, that is not statutorily required, upon  
6 declaration of a national emergency, disaster, or state of emergency, by a federal, state, or local governmental authority  
7 impacting North Carolina. Waivers exercised under this Paragraph shall only be exercised for the duration of the  
8 declaration.

9 (c) The Commission may delegate emergency closure and waiver authority to the Executive Director.

10 (d) The following factors shall be considered in determining whether to restrict or prohibit public access or use, or  
11 wave requirements of rule:

- 12       (1)       need for the closure or waiver;  
13       (2)       degree of benefit to the public, if applicable;  
14       (3)       degree of benefit to the resource, if applicable;  
15       (4)       degree of disruption to the Commission; and  
16       (5)       cost to the Commission.

17 (e) All closures and waivers shall be posted on the Commission website at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

18 (f) It is unlawful to use, enter, or remain on Wildlife Resources Commission Property that is closed pursuant to this  
19 Rule.

1 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

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

9 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the  
10 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional  
11 restrictions on entry or usage:

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

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

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

(9) Sensitive Habitat Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Sensitive Habitat Zones" are closed to all use by the general public during the dates specified on the sign, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first obtaining written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission by calling 919-707-0150 and requesting a permit.

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

(c) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land except in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county, or municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

(d) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

(1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area, except where posted otherwise;

(2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and

(3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan Game Lands.

No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13, which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, free of charge, at:

[http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327\\_113&rgn=div8](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8). On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- 1 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length
- 2 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- 3 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- 4 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- 5 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.
- 6 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping
- 7 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon
- 8 any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife
- 9 shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or
- 10 trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 11 (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in
- 12 a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North
- 13 Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-residents
- 14 may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- 15 (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall
- 16 possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a
- 17 license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 18 (4) Exceptions:
- 19 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal
- 20 guardian;
- 21 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
- 22 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
- 23 landowners.
- 24 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial
- 25 area ~~or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility~~, shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and facility
- 26 accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of
- 27 the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day
- 28 of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for
- 29 all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A
- 30 fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled
- 31 events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner
- 32 any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area ~~or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility~~ without first
- 33 having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
- 34 and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The
- 35 Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources
- 36 Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during
- 37 any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field



trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities, and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the mission of the agency.

(g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302, and .0303, trapping of furbearing ~~animals~~ animals, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the applicable open trapping seasons, ~~seasons~~ seasons established by rule. Foxes can be trapped on game lands from November 1 through the end of February in any county with an open fox trapping season that falls between November 1 and the end of February. Foxes may not be taken by trapping on game lands in counties with a closed fox trapping season or during any fox trapping season that occurs outside the dates of November 1 through the end of February. Additionally, fox trapping is allowed on game lands in Clay, Graham, Henderson, Macon, and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10 from the first to the fourth Saturday in January. except that trapping Trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the ~~field trial course~~ J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of the Sandhills Game Land;
- (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke ~~County; and~~ County;
- (5) on the DuPont State Forest Game ~~Lands; Lands; and~~
- (6) from April 1 through October 31.

~~On those areas of State-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands, controlled trapping is allowed under a permit system. At each trap, trappers may use a single bait site of grain, fruit, or other foods when trapping if the food is not a processed food product as defined in GS 113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is completely covered to prevent it from being seen from above. Feathers, including those with attached skin or entire bird wings,~~

~~hair with or without skin or hide, and bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera are not considered other foods and are excluded from this requirement-do not need to be covered.~~

(h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads constructed, maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such person:

- (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land; or
- (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph (m).

(i) Camping.

- (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.
- (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.

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

(k) Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license, or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or more of the following disabilities:

- (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- (4) disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- (5) deafness.

On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, or other passenger vehicles:

- (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel.

Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land.

1 (l) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds,  
2 domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or  
3 feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild  
4 fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall be given  
5 when release of such animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native  
6 wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife  
7 Resources Commission.

8 (m) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use  
9 on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this  
10 Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence but  
11 shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans  
12 with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian  
13 use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

14 (n) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted by  
15 the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the  
16 game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric wheel  
17 chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel  
18 and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on  
19 game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such use.  
20 Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the game land rules section of the  
21 regulations digest and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths,  
22 or trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each  
23 qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all  
24 times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities while  
25 assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled person  
26 for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife Resources  
27 Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside the vehicle.  
28 It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those holding a  
29 Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the  
30 Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

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

35 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated shooting  
36 ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills, or for  
37 other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires, operating

1 concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, except  
2 for activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued may be conducted,  
3 provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the  
4 time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit any debris or refuse on the  
5 grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the range, by the  
6 shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any items made of glass on the grounds of  
7 the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a location or position that it will prevent,  
8 impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave parked any vehicle  
9 or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or zone as is designated as an authorized  
10 parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting  
11 range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post, or other  
12 permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that would  
13 cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller  
14 may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to any person(s). Persons using a  
15 shooting range shall obey posted range safety rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or create a public  
16 safety hazard shall leave the shooting range if directed to by law enforcement officers or to leave by Commission  
17 employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while under the influence of an impairing  
18 substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours  
19 of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one such sign shall be posted at the entrance to each shooting  
20 range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is  
21 required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use  
22 of the area.

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

26 (r) No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other  
27 part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so mutilated.

28 (s) Baiting. Except as provided in section (g) of this Rule, no person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game  
29 land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization from an agent of the Commission. Written  
30 authorization may be provided for Commission authorized projects or Commission contractors to meet specific  
31 objectives. Except as authorized by rule, no person shall take or attempt to take any wild birds or wild animals attracted  
32 to such foods.

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35 *143-318.10;*

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4                   *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
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10                  *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; November 1, 2005;*  
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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.~~

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23           (C) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;

24           (D) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and

25           (E) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

26       (2) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:

27           (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;

28           (B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;

29           (C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S.  
30               14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, thereof, and

31           (D) hunting migratory game birds

32   On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before  
33   sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and  
34   members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty  
35   other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-  
36   only areas from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions (1)(A), 1(C), and (1)(E) in this Paragraph shall apply.  
37   On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and

1 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the  
2 impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." ~~No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any~~  
3 ~~bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so~~  
4 ~~mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior~~  
5 ~~written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based~~  
6 ~~on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game~~  
7 ~~birds or game animals attracted to such foods.~~

8 (e) Definitions:

- 9 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be  
10 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,  
11 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 12 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any  
13 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,  
14 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this  
15 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be  
16 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under  
17 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until  
18 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 19 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game  
20 may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday  
21 during the open seasons.
- 22 (4) For purposes of this Section, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game  
23 may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,  
24 Saturdays, and Sundays. [On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:]  
25 (A) [hunting between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;]  
26 (B) [the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;]  
27 (C) [hunting within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b),  
28 or any accessory structure thereof.]
- 29 (5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game  
30 may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays,  
31 and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, until  
32 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and until 7:00 a.m. on Mondays. [On Sundays, the following shall be  
33 prohibited:]  
34 (A) [hunting between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;]  
35 (B) [the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;]  
36 (C) [hunting within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b),  
37 or any accessory structure thereof.]

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

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

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

(A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

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

(2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County

(A) ~~Six~~ Seven Day per Week Area

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

(C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~ during the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~ three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.

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

(A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

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

(C) Target shooting is prohibited.

(D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

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

(A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

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

(5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Target Shooting is prohibited.

(6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

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

(C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.



- (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through August 1.
- (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County~~
- ~~(A) Hunting is by permit only.~~
- ~~(B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- ~~(9)~~(8) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- ~~(10)~~(9) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~three hunting days during~~ of the November Bear Season and the ~~first three hunting days of the second week~~ second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season. ~~If any of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.~~
- (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(11)~~(10) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be

- 1 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest  
2 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- 3 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible  
4 Antlers Season.
- 5 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and  
6 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 7 ~~(12)~~(11) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 8 (A) ~~Three~~ Four 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) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 12 ~~(13)~~(12) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- 13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
15 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 16 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 17 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 18 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 19 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 20 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl  
21 hunting after November 1.
- 22 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 23 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 24 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 25 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of  
26 Falls Lake.
- 27 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not  
28 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable  
29 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of  
30 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September  
31 1 through May 14.
- 32 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are  
33 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 34 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area  
35 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited  
36 in this camping area.
- 37 ~~(14)~~(13) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 3 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 4 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 5 ~~(15)~~(14) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 6 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 10 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
- 11 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
- 12 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 13 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 15 ~~(16)~~(15) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 16 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 18 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 19 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 20 (D) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
- 21 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 22 ~~(17)~~(16) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 23 (A) Three 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 Wednesday thereafter.
- 26 (C) ~~Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from~~
- 27 May 16 – August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only, September
- 28 1 – May 15, during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- 29 Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated
- 30 roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding
- 31 on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 32 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
- 33 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of
- 34 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
- 35 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
- 36 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
- 37 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.

- (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.
- (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- ~~(18)~~(17) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (D) Horseback ~~riding~~ riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 – August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only September 1 – May 15, during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(19)~~(18) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- ~~(20)~~(19) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~three hunting days during of~~ the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(21)~~(20) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

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

1        ~~(25)~~(24) Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County

- 2            (A)     Three Days per Week Area
- 3            (B)     Deer hunting is by permit only.
- 4            (C)     Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 5            (D)     Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age
- 6                      16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.
- 7            (E)     Target shooting is prohibited.

8        ~~(26)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties

- 9            (A)     ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 10           (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 11                      Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 12           (C)     No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 13           (D)     The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.

14       ~~(27)~~(26) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County

- 15           (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 16           (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 17                      Antlers season.

18       ~~(28)~~(27) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties

- 19           (A)     Hunting is by permit only.
- 20           (B)     The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders
- 21                      during scheduled permit hunts.

22       ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County

- 23           (A)     ~~Six~~ Seven 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 first Friday thereafter.

26       ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties

- 27           (A)     ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 28           (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 29                      Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 30           (C)     Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 31           (D)     Target Shooting is prohibited.

32       ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties

- 33           (A)     ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 34           (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 35                      Antlers Season.
- 36           (C)     Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 37                      impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.
- (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.
- (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.
- (H) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC-33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.
- (I) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- ~~(32)~~(31) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- ~~(33)~~(32) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- (D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.
- ~~(34)~~(33) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~ during the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- ~~(35)~~(34) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
  - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- ~~(36)~~(35) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season
- ~~(37)~~(36) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- ~~(38)~~(37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.



- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.
- (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
- (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
  - (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
- (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- ~~(39)~~(38) Hyco Game land in Person County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
  - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(40)~~(39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- ~~(41)~~(40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
  - (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
  - (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31, except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.
  - (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
  - (E) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- ~~(42)~~(41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake 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) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
- 5 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 7 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Horseback ~~riding~~ riding, including all equine species, is ~~prohibited except~~ allowed only on
- 9 those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use.
- 10 Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American
- 11 Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use,
- 12 horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 – August 31, only during
- 13 June, July, and August, and on Sundays only from September 1 – May 15. the remainder of
- 14 the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older must obtain
- 15 who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall
- 16 possess a Game Lands license. license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area
- 17 other than the American Tobacco Trail.
- 18 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 19 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 20 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
- 21 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
- 22 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 23 ~~(43)~~(42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- 24 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 27 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 28 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 29 ~~(44)~~(43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 32 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
- 33 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- 34 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
- 35 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- 36 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 37 Antlers season.

- 1 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 2 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 3 ~~(45)~~(44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- 4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 6 Antlers Season.
- 7 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 8 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 9 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 10 ~~(46)~~(45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 11 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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 Friday thereafter.
- 14 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 15 ~~(47)~~(46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- 16 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 20 ~~(48)~~(47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 21 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 23 Antlers Season.
- 24 ~~(49)~~(48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 25 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 27 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 28 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 29 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 30 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 31 ~~(50)~~(49) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- 32 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 34 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 35 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 36 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 37 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and

- 1 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 2 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 3 ~~(51)~~(50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- 4 (A) ~~Three~~ Four 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 ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday thereafter.
- 7 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 8 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 9 ~~(52)~~(51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
- 10 counties
- 11 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 13 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 14 ~~(53)~~(52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- 15 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 17 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 18 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- 19 ~~(54)~~(53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- 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) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the
- 24 game land that lies west of NC-43.
- 25 ~~(55)~~(54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- 26 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 30 ~~(56)~~(55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 31 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
- 33 Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 34 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
- 35 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
- 36 thereafter.

- 1 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second  
2 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 3 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
4 Antlers Season.
- 5 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 6 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 7 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 8 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and  
9 (ii) Swimming.
- 10 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 11 ~~(57)~~(56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 12 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or  
16 shoreline.
- 17 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 18 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 19 ~~(58)~~(57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 20 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or  
24 shoreline.
- 25 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 26 ~~(59)~~(58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 27 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
29 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 30 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North  
31 of US-74.
- 32 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 33 (E) Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on  
34 Sundays only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and  
35 gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use. only during the following times:  
36 (i) ~~during June, July, and August; and~~

- (ii) ~~on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey seasons are closed.~~
- (F) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be prohibited on that portion south of US-74.
- ~~(60)~~(59) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers ~~Season.~~ Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(61)~~(60) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (D) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.
- ~~(62)~~(61) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.
- ~~(63)~~(62) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- ~~(64)~~(63) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.

1       ~~(65)~~(64) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties

2           (A)     Hunting is by permit only.

3           (B)     Swimming is prohibited on the area.

4       ~~(66)~~(65) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties

5           (A)     Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.

6           (B)     Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business  
7                   or by permit holders.

8           (C)     Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31  
9                   through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,  
10                  that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-  
11                  owned portion of the game land.

12          (D)     Target Shooting is prohibited.

13       ~~(67)~~(66) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.

14       ~~(68)~~(67) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County

15          (A)     ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

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

18          (C)     Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

19       ~~(69)~~(68) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County

20          (A)     Three Days per Week Area

21          (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the  
22                  Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.

23          (C)     Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning  
24                  the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week  
25                  thereafter.

26          (D)     The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second  
27                  Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.

28          (E)     Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
29                  Antlers Season.

30          (F)     The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

31          (G)     Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

32          (H)     Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.

33          (I)     Target shooting is prohibited.

34       ~~(70)~~(69) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.

35       ~~(71)~~(70) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County

36          (A)     ~~Three~~ Four 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) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 5 ~~(72)~~(71) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 6 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22  
8 through March 31 except as follows:
- 9 (i) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of  
10 the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with  
11 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the  
12 blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving  
13 Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from  
14 the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following  
15 Thanksgiving Day;
- 16 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through  
17 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 18 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday  
19 before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 20 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding  
21 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 22 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- 23 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen  
24 Program Permit Hunt; and
- 25 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or  
26 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- 27 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday  
28 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the  
29 J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 30 (D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth  
31 Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds,  
32 the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be  
33 taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit  
34 during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated  
35 in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday  
36 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.



- (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- ~~(73)~~(72) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin ~~Counties~~ counties
- (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(74)~~(73) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(75)~~(74) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.

1 ~~(76)~~(75) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties

- 2 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 4 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 5 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 6 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 7 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 8 (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.

9 ~~(77)~~(76) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties

- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
- 12 Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of
- 13 either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on
- 14 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
- 15 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with
- 16 archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible
- 17 Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
- 18 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest
- 19 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- 20 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 21 Antlers Season.
- 22 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
- 23 (i) January 2 through March 31;
- 24 (ii) May 16 through August 31;
- 25 (iii) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- 26 (iv) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

27 ~~(78)~~(77) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County

- 28 (A) Six 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 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 32 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 33 (E) ~~Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments~~ Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 34 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 35 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 36 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 37 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.

- 1 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 2 ~~(79)~~(78) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 3 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 4 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 5 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 6 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 7 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 8 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 9 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
- 10 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only
- 11 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
- 12 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 13 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
- 14 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
- 15 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
- 16 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 17 ~~(80)~~(79) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 18 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 20 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 21 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 22 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 23 ~~(81)~~(80) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County
- 24 (A) Hunting is by permit only
- 25 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited
- 26 ~~(82)~~(81) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 27 ~~(83)~~(82) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 28 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 32 ~~(84)~~(83) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 33 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 35 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

- 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. People age 16 or  
3 older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 4 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is  
5 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive  
6 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 7 ~~(85)~~(84) Tillery ~~game~~ Game Land in Halifax County
- 8 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 13 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 14 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 15 ~~(86)~~(85) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 16 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible  
18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and  
20 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 21 ~~(87)~~(86) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 22 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
24 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 25 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following  
26 days:
- 27 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 28 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 29 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 30 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 31 ~~(88)~~(87) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 32 (A) Six 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 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the  
36 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 37 ~~(89)~~(88) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties

- 1 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven 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) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~
- 5 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
- 6 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season.
- 7 ~~(90)~~(89) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County
- 8 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 9 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 10 ~~(91)~~(90) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 11 (A) Three 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) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 15 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 16 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 17 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 18 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 19 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all
- 20 waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 21 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 22 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
- 23 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
- 24 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 25 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 26 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 27 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 28 (G) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 29 ~~(92)~~(91) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties
- 30 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 31 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 32 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 33 (C) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
- 34 prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.
- 35 ~~(93)~~(92) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
- 36 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(C) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

(h) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or by phone.

(i) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

(1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;

(2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;

(3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;

(4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;

(5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);

(6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and

(7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

(j) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

(k) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal or game bird using any legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

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

(m) Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days. On the day declared by the Commission to be Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas.

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

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

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

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
7 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*  
8 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September*  
9 *1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*  
10 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*  
11 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
15 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*  
16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
17 *January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*  
18 *1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October*  
19 *1, 2004;*  
20 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*  
21 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2020; August 1, 2019.*  
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1   **15A NCAC 10J .0103     HUNTING ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREAS**

2   (a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area  
3 shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.

4   (b) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached  
5 by nails, screws, bolts or wire to a tree on any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area. This  
6 prohibition shall not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining  
7 in or attached to the tree.

8   (c) Time and Manner of Taking. Except where closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by these regulations,  
9 hunting on areas designated and posted as wildlife conservation areas is permitted during the open season for the game  
10 or furbearing species being hunted. Waterfowl hunters shall not enter the areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted  
11 hunting dates, and hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates; decoys may not be set out prior to 4:00  
12 a.m. and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. each date. No person shall operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an  
13 internal combustion engine on the waters of any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area. No person  
14 shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or  
15 possess any bird or animal which has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any area  
16 designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written  
17 authorization of the Commission or its agent and no person shall take or attempt to take any game birds or game  
18 animals attracted to such foods. No person shall use an electronic calling device for the purpose of attracting wild  
19 birds or wild animals. No live wild animals or wild birds shall be removed from any designated wildlife conservation  
20 area except with the written permission of the landowner.

21   (d) Hunting Dates:

22       (1)     Any game may be taken during the open seasons ~~on the following wildlife conservation areas and~~  
23               hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New  
24               Year's Days. In addition, deer may be taken with bow and arrow on the opening day of the bow and  
25               arrow season for deer. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays,  
26               until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays. ~~Additional restrictions apply as~~  
27               ~~indicated in parentheses following specific designations:~~

28       (2)     Except as otherwise indicated, the following designated wildlife conservation areas or indicated  
29               portions thereof are closed to all hunting:

30               (A)     Nona Pitt Hinson Cohen Wildlife Conservation Area - Richmond County.

31               (B)     John D. Lewis Wildlife Conservation Area - Wayne County.

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33   *History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-136; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305;*  
34                       *Eff. February 1, 1990;*  
35                       *Amended Eff. October 1, 1994.*



# Exhibit F-1

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Jewel Davenport

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** N/A - Allocation

**Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):**

The WRC will request allocation of 89-acres of this property from the State Property Office.

**Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

**Total Cost Based on Appraisal?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**

Federal Assistance Grant – 75% federal: 25% state

**Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):**

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 3,766.65
Total Projected Revenue	\$ 39,500.00

# Exhibit F-1

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

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#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Jewel Davenport

Estimated Stewardship Costs					
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Expense Type	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	2.69	Mile	One-time	\$150.00	\$403.50
Boundary Maintenance	2.69	Mile	Recurring	135.00	\$363.15
Install Parking Area (culvert/gravel)	1	each	One-time	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 3,766.65</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Timber Harvest (Thinning)	79	Acre	\$500	\$39,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**  
**Land Acquisition Investigation Form**  
**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	David Turner
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	19-Oct-20
<b>Tract Name:</b>	Jewel Davenport
<b>County:</b>	Camden
<b>Acreage:</b>	89.00
<b>Tax Value:</b>	\$323,862
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	State of North Carolina - C/O Tripp Steinbock

**Primary Purpose:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

**Type of Acquisition:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

**Grant Potential:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
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**Tax Value:**

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**Funding Considerations:**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargin Sale
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**Recommendation:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

**Program Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
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**Type of Parcel:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
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**Owner Interest:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Stewardship Considerations:**

PR	Source:
75/25	Match:

**Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

**Additional Comments:**

The property was willed to the State of North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Wildlife Division (Camden Co. Clerk of Court – Estate# 19-E-35, Pasquotank Co. Clerk of Court – Estate# 19E-69). Our understanding is the intention was to donate to the WRC, however due to the wording used the property was not known to WRC staff until recently. The property is currently in state ownership but not allocated to an agency for management or use.

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<b>Tract Name:</b>	Jewel Davenport
<b>County:</b>	Camden

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):**

<p>The largest parcel is bisected by Country Club Road. North of the road is 55.32 acres of regenerated loblolly pine. Historic aerial imagery suggests the timber was cut in the early 2000's. Current stand consist of pine stems that are 13-14 inches dbh at the largest, while there are many 6-8 inch stems. The portion south of the road, 33.72 acres, was cut at the same time with similar pine stand characteristics present. Moving west, crowded sweetgum and yellow poplar dominate in the wetter areas. A narrow strip of mature Non-riverine Wet Flat Forest is sandwiched between a canal and a North Carolina Coastal Land Trust property. This combined 89.04 tract has road frontage and could be incorporated into the game lands program.</p> <p>It is staff recommendation to take the 89.04 acres of regenerated pine that has access along Country Club Road and borders North Carolina Coastal Land Trust's property (Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract)</p>
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Tract Name	Jewel Davenport
Date	September 25, 2020
Staff Completing Form	David Turner

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.222</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	1
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	0
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0

<b>Comments</b>
Species: There are 19 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) species identified as possibly occurring on the tract by the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Threat Data Viewer and Analysis Tool. Some of the notable species that may occur there include the black-throated green warbler and Rafinesque's big-eared bat. Game species are limited to gray squirrels and white-tailed deer.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.500</b>
Size	0
Quality	2
Diversity	1
Rare/Important	1
Connectivity	3
Buffer	2

<b>Comments</b>
The small size of the tract suppresses the score in the habitat metric. Quality is good with timber management opportunities. A portion of the tract borders a North Carolina Coastal Land Trust property.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Hunting/Viewing	3
Fishing	0
Boating	0

<b>Comments</b>
Good access along a public road. A small parking area will need to be established.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.200</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	0
Fishing	0
Boating	0
Education	0

<b>Comments</b>
Good access and good terrain will provide hunting opportunities.

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.556</b>
Timber Harvest	3
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	1

<b>Comments</b>
The tract has manageable timber on it with direct access to a public road. Tract offers hunting and hiking opportunities.

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.733</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	2
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	3

<b>Comments</b>
There is no infrastructure related to this parcel though a small parking area will need to be established. Prescribed burning may be a challenge due to surrounding houses.

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Species Restoration	0
Habitat Restoration	0
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	0

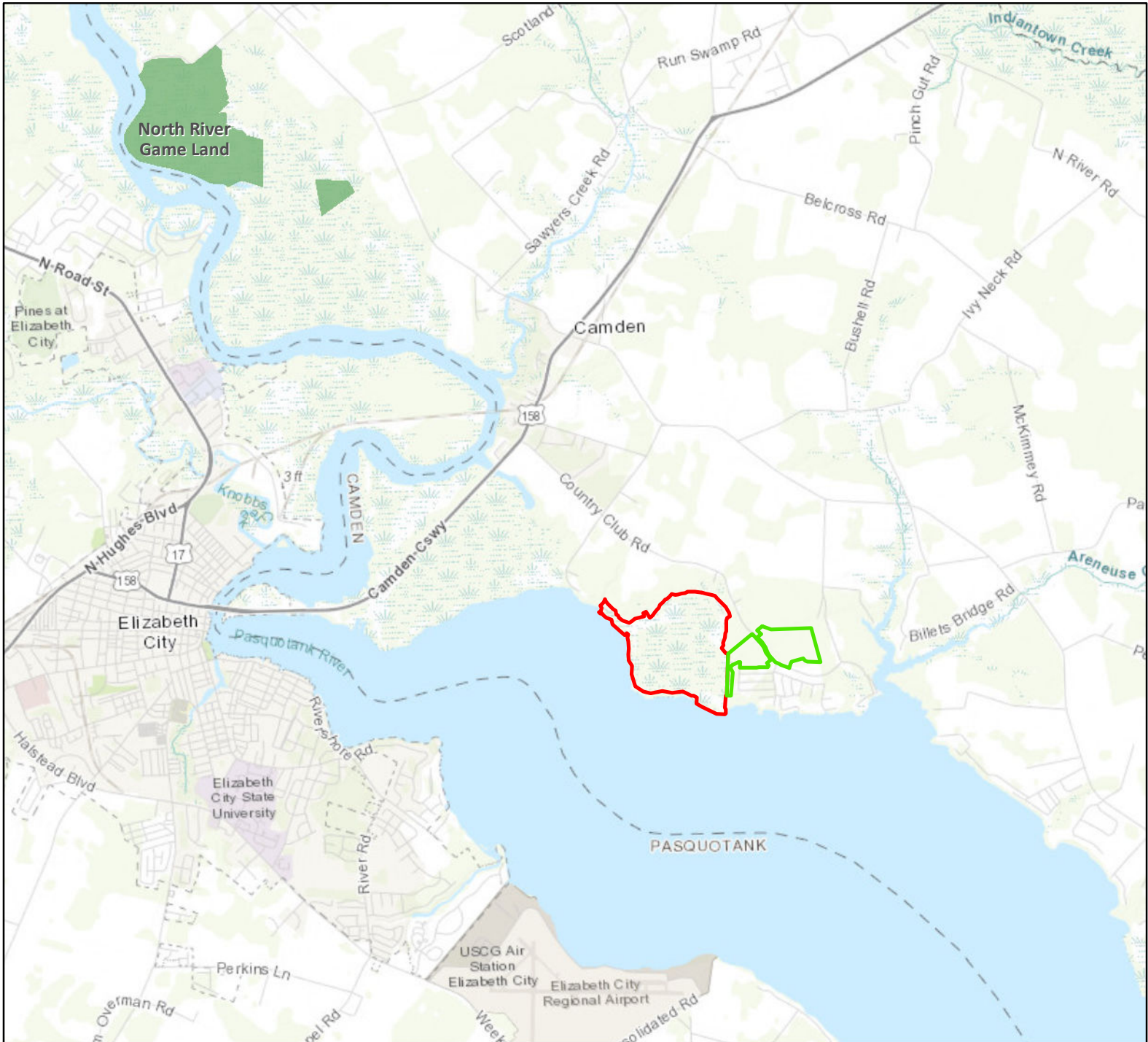
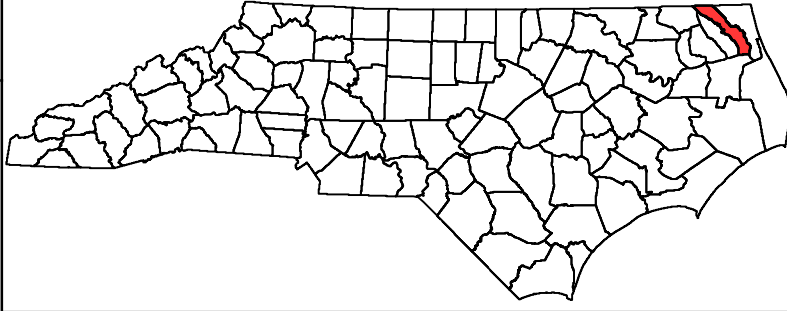
<b>Comments</b>
This tract is primarily a managed timber tract that is large enough to provide some hunting opportunities. Early-successional species restoration may not be an option because of smoke management issues. Hardwood restoration may be an appropriate goal because of prescribed burning limitations, however the tract will have timber management options while providing hunter opportunities.

<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Number	0
Severity	0
Imminence	0
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

<b>Comments</b>
None known.

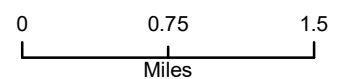
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>2.544</b>
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# Jewel Davenport & Plum Creek Tracts Camden County +/- 392 Acres



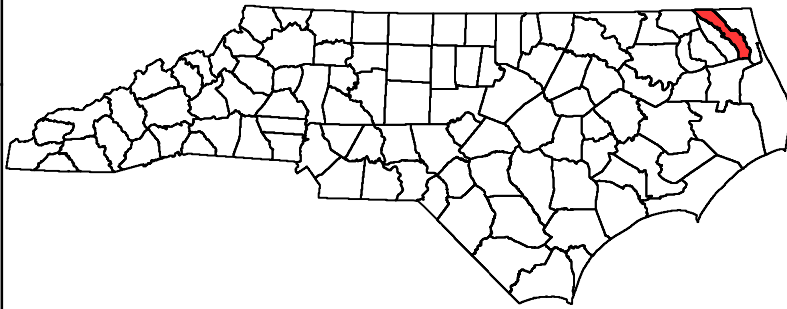
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- Plum Creek Tract, 303.5 acres



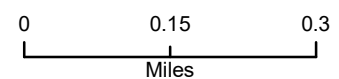


# **Jewel Davenport & Plum Creek Tracts** **Camden County** **+/- 392 Acres**



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- Jewel Davenport Tracts, 89 acres
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# Exhibit F-2

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### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** NC Coastal Land Trust – Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** N/A (Donation)

**Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):**

Donation from the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust

**Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

**Total Cost Based on Appraisal?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value

**Appraisal Handled by State Property Office?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**

Federal Assistance Grant – 75% federal: 25% state

**Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):**

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 869.25
Total Projected Revenue	\$ 0.00



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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

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#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Coastal Land Trust-Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract

Estimated Stewardship Costs					
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Expense Type	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	3.05	Mile	One-time	\$150.00	\$457.50
Boundary Maintenance	3.05	Mile	Recurring	135.00	\$411.75
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 869.25</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	David Turner
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	N/A (Donation)
<b>Tract Name:</b>	Coastal Land Trust Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract
<b>County:</b>	Camden
<b>Acreage:</b>	303.50
<b>Tax Value:</b>	\$174,000
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	Coastal Land Trust c/o Janice Allen

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**Additional Comments:**

This property is being offered to the State as a donation from the Coastal Land Trust. This 303-acre tract shares 1,571 feet of border with the Jewel Davenport donation. Access to this tract is by boat only along the Pasquotank River. The tract is a 7.5 miles boat ride from Sawyer's Creek Boating Access Area.

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**Tract Name:** Coastal Land Trust Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract

**County:** Camden

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):**

The Pasquotank River comprises 1.5 miles of the southern border of this tract. This portion of the Pasquotank River is considered an Anadromous Fish Spawning Area. Approximately 207 acres of the tract are considered Coastal Plain Nonriverine Wet Flat Forest. Fifty acres are considered Tidal Swamp primarily along the river and up a small creek on western portion and a manmade canal comprising the eastern border. Landcover data suggest that the center of the tract may contain examples of Peatland Atlantic White Cedar and Seepage and Streamhead Swamp. Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, Biodiversity index averaged a score of 6.29 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity.

Tract Name	Coastal Land Trust - Pasquotank River Plum Creek Tract
Date	January 27, 2021
Staff Completing Form	David Turner

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.259</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	1
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	1
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0

<b>Comments</b>
Species: There are 19 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) species identified as possibly occurring on the tract by the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Threat Data Viewer and Analysis Tool. Some of the notable species that may occur there include the black-throated green warbler and Rafinesque's big-eared bat. Game species are limited to gray squirrels and white-tailed deer.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.611</b>
Size	1
Quality	3
Diversity	1
Rare/Important	1
Connectivity	3
Buffer	2

<b>Comments</b>
The small size of the tract suppresses the score in the habitat metric. The tract borders the Jewel Davenport donation.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Hunting/Viewing	3
Fishing	0
Boating	0

<b>Comments</b>
Access is by boat only. No public access is provided from a DOT road.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.133</b>
Hunting	1
Viewing	0
Fishing	1
Boating	0
Education	0

<b>Comments</b>
Hunters may use the shoreline to waterfowl hunt. With no DOT access and a 7.5 mile boat ride from the nearest WRC BBA, hunting on the tract is expected to be extremely low. Fisherman will fish the shoreline via boat.

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.222</b>
Timber Harvest	0
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	1

<b>Comments</b>
The NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, now called the North Carolina Land and Water Fund, holds a conservation easement on the property. No timber harvests are permitted. Tract serves as a water quality buffer and offers river shore habitat for spawning anadromous fish.

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.667</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	2
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	2

<b>Comments</b>
Low constituent use is expected on this tract. A few will access the tract by boat, while adjacent landowners may access from the northern border.

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Species Restoration	0
Habitat Restoration	0
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	0

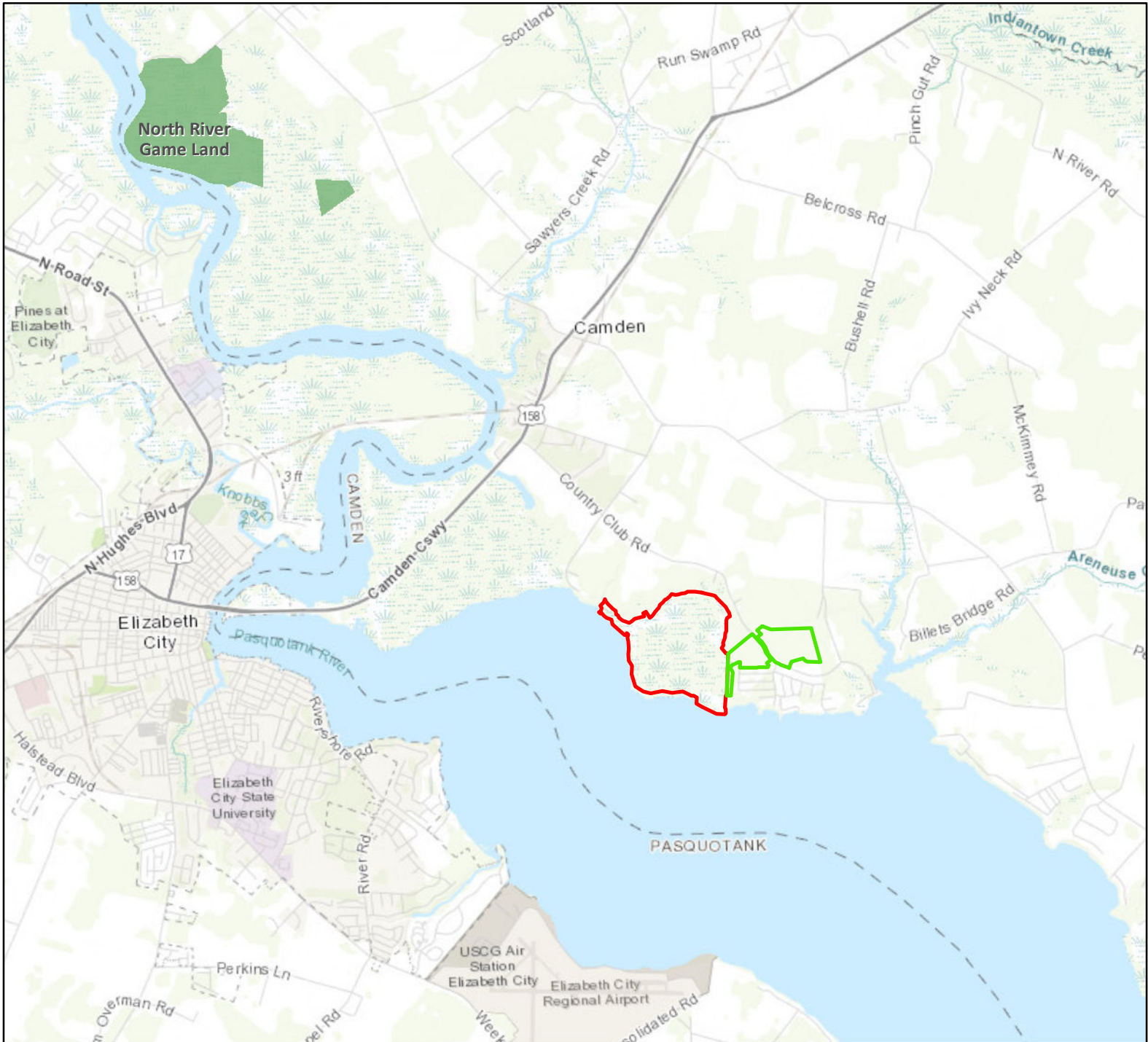
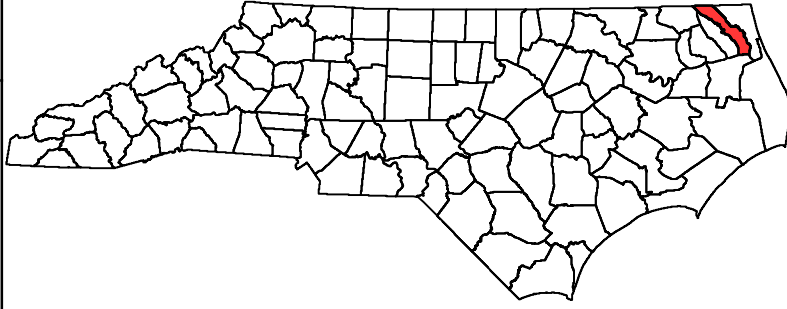
<b>Comments</b>
Habitat types, access, and the existing conservation easement limit active management on this tract.

<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.067</b>
Number	1
Severity	0
Imminence	0
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

<b>Comments</b>
Sea-level rise will eventually impact the entire tract. A 1 foot increase in sea-level rise will completely inundate it. Such change will favor species that favor Tidal Swamps and Floodplain Swamps.

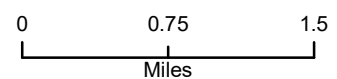
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>2.159</b>
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# **Jewel Davenport & Plum Creek Tracts** **Camden County** **+/- 392 Acres**



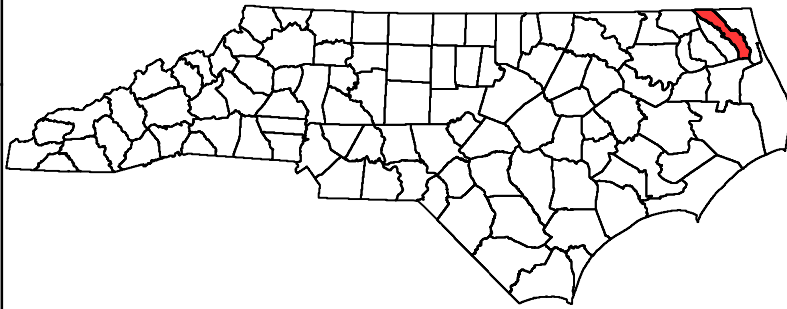
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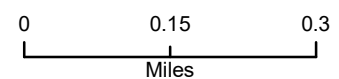


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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Myrtle Head – Simmons Tract

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** February 26, 2020

**Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funds	\$72,500
Wildlife Restoration Funds	\$217,500
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>

**Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale?** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

**Total Cost Based on Appraisal?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Dab Shackelford	November 2020	\$290,000

**Appraisal Handled by State Property Office?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**

Federal Assistance Grant – 75% federal: 25% state

**Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):**

<b>Total Stewardship Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 40,381.00</b>
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

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#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: MYRTLE HEAD – SIMMONS TRACT

Estimated Stewardship Costs					
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Expense Type	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	0.6	Mile	One-time	\$500	\$300
Boundary Maintenance	0.6	Mile	Recurring	\$135	\$81
Parking Area Construction	1	Parking Area	One-time	\$10,000	\$10,000
Herbaceous Planting	30	Acre	One-time	\$200	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$40,381</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				



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**WRC Staff Contact:**  
**Date First Presented to Commission:**  
**Tract Name:**  
**County:**  
**Acreage:**  
**Tax Value:**  
**Property Owner/Representative:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:**  
**Address:**

Chesley Ward
1-Mar-19
Myrtle Head - Simmons Tract
Brunswick
126.89
\$167,920
Jo Ann & Jeffrey Simmons

**Primary Purpose:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

**Type of Acquisition:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

**Grant Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
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**Tax Value:**

2019	Year Assessed
	PUV?

**Funding Considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargain Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner Contribution

**Recommendation:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

**Program Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Conservation Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

**Type of Parcel:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Corridor

**Owner Interest:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Stewardship Considerations:**

PR	Source:
75/25	Match:

**Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

**Additional Comments:**

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**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

<b>Tract Name:</b>	Myrtle Head - Simmons Tract
<b>County:</b>	Brunswick

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):**

<p>This tract has 1,500 feet of boundary along Juniper Creek. Most of the property lies within and among a complex of state natural areas along the Waccamaw River and its tributaries. It has exceptional aquatic and wetland habitats. It also has 7,500 feet of boundary along Juniper Creek Game Land. 40 terrestrial and 12 aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) have been identified to likely benefit from the protection of this tract. The natural area that this property lies within is rated as Exceptional by the NC Natural Heritage Program. 43 acres of agriculture land would provide excellent dove hunting opportunities in an area of the state where more of those opportunities are needed.</p>
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Tract Name	Myrtle Head - Simmons Tract
Date	November 15, 2019
Staff Completing Form	Chesley Ward

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.963</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	2

<b>Comments</b>
40 terrestrial and 12 aquatic SGCN have been identified to likely benefit from the protection of this tract. 43 acres of agriculture land on the tract would provide excellent dove hunting opportunities and the ability to manage early successional habitat that would benefit a variety of game and nongame species.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.722</b>
Size	1
Quality	3
Diversity	1
Rare/Important	2
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

<b>Comments</b>
Lying within a state natural area, this tract is rated as Exceptional for its Representational and Collective Values by the NC Natural Heritage Program.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.444</b>
Hunting/Viewing	3
Fishing	1
Boating	0

<b>Comments</b>
Dove hunting opportunities would be provided on this tract.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.600</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	3
Fishing	1
Boating	0
Education	2

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Timber Harvest	0
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	2

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.667</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	3
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	1

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.833</b>
Species Restoration	3
Habitat Restoration	3
Access Improvement	1
Threat Mitigation	3

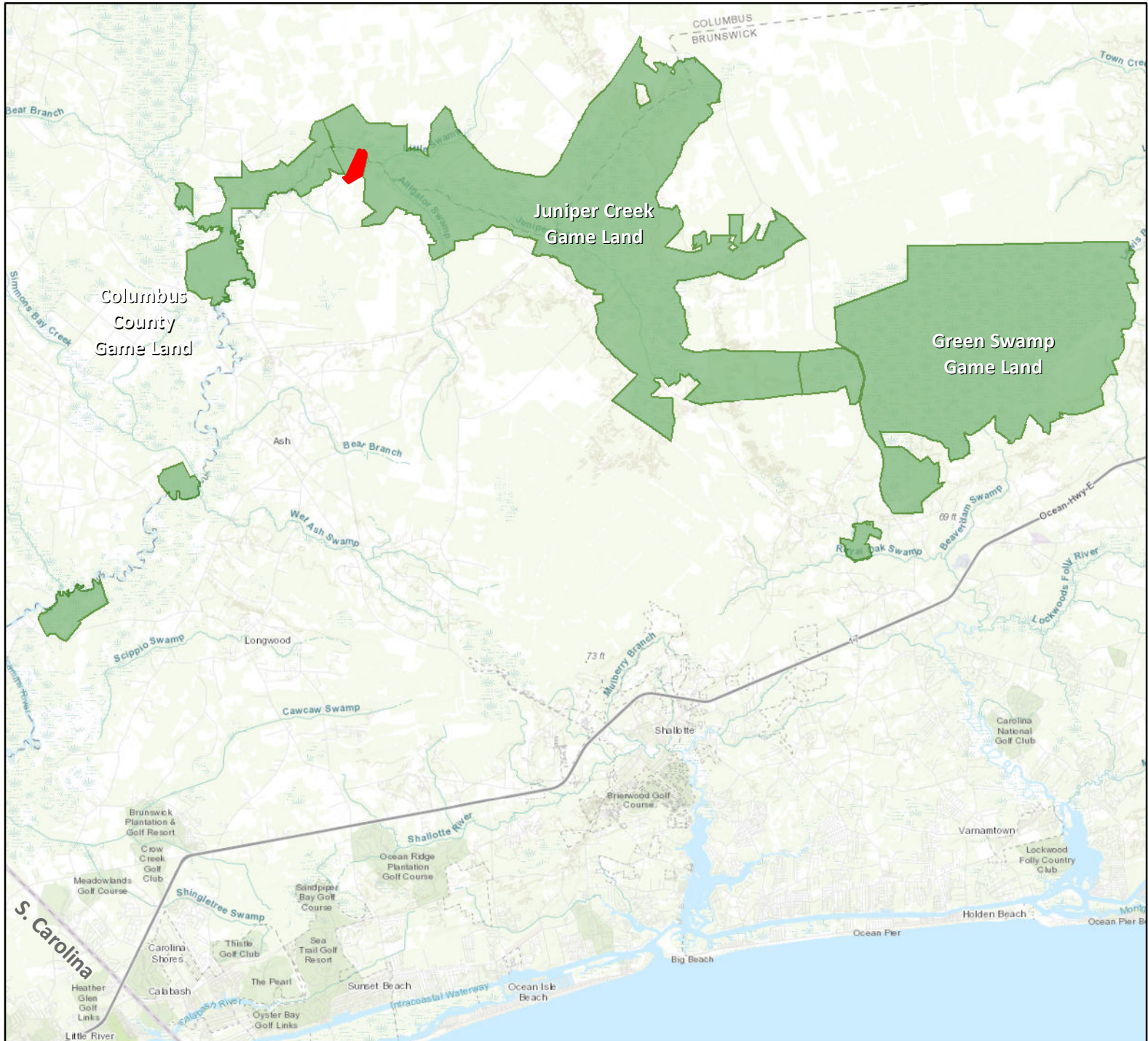
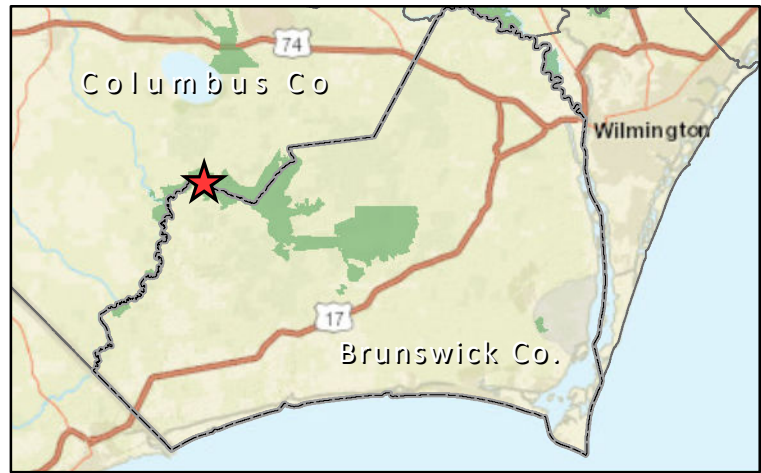
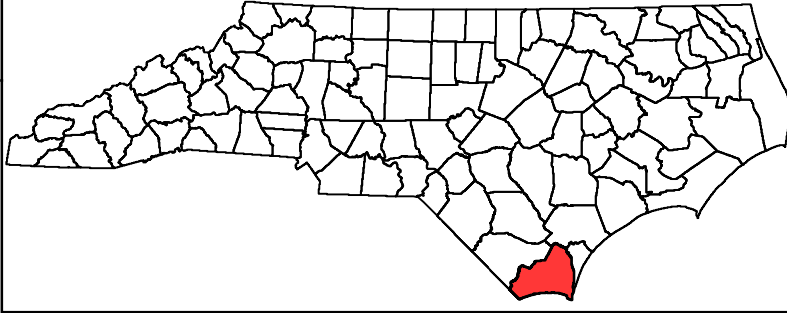
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<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.267</b>
Number	2
Severity	1
Imminence	1
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

<b>Comments</b>
Threats include conversion of agriculture land to residences and forested wetlands being shovel logged.

<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>4.296</b>
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# **Myrtle Head Simmons Tract** **Brunswick County** **127 Acres**



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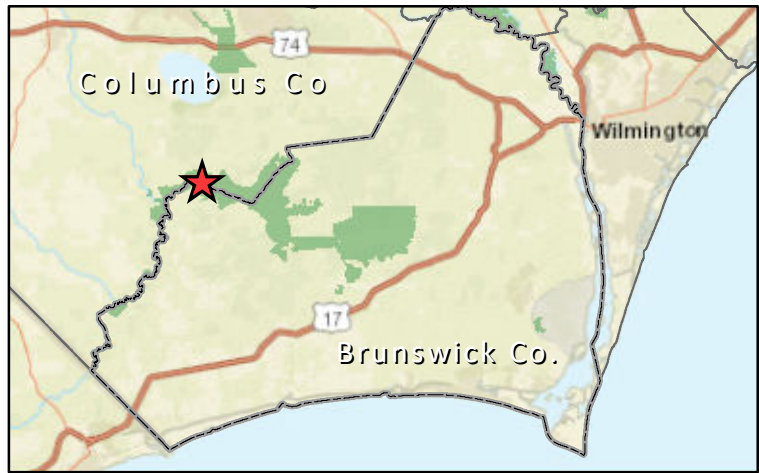
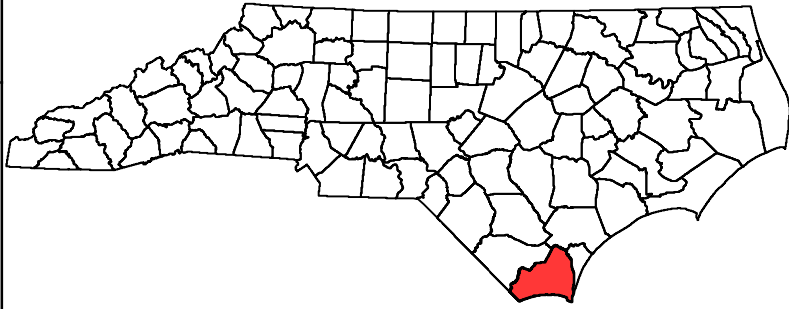


Myrtle Head Simmons Tract




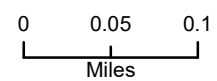


**Myrtle Head Simmons Tract  
Brunswick County  
127 Acres**



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 Myrtle Head Simmons Tract



# Exhibit F-4

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Old Dock – Simmons Tract

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** February 26, 2020

**Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):**

North Carolina Land and Water Fund	\$22,500
<u>Wildlife Restoration Funds</u>	<u>\$52,500</u>
TOTAL COST	\$75,000

**Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale?** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

**Total Cost Based on Appraisal?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Daniel Glenn	December 2020	\$75,000

**Appraisal Handled by State Property Office?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**

Federal Assistance Grant – 75% federal: 25% state

**Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):**

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 1,432.00
Total Projected Revenue	\$ 0.00

# Exhibit F-4

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

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#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: OLD DOCK – SIMMONS TRACT

Estimated Stewardship Costs					
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Expense Type	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Removal	1.2	Mile	One-time	\$135	\$162
Boundary Establishment	2	Mile	One-time	\$500	\$1,000
Boundary Maintenance	2	Mile	Recurring	\$135	\$270
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$1,432</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**  
**Land Acquisition Investigation Form**  
**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

**WRC Staff Contact:**  
**Date First Presented to Commission:**  
**Tract Name:**  
**County:**  
**Acreage:**  
**Tax Value:**  
**Property Owner/Representative:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:**  
**Address:**

Chesley Ward
26-Feb-20
Old Dock - Simmons Tract
Columbus
107.00
\$15,435
Jo Ann Simmons / Jeffrey Simmons

**Primary Purpose:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

**Type of Acquisition:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

**Grant Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

**Tax Value:**

2019	Year Assessed
	PUV?

**Funding Considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargain Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner Contribution

**Recommendation:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

**Program Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Conservation Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

**Type of Parcel:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Corridor

**Owner Interest:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Stewardship Considerations:**

PR	Source:
75/25	Match:

**Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

**Additional Comments:**

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**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**  
**Land Acquisition Investigation Form**  
**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

<b>Tract Name:</b>	Old Dock - Simmons Tract
<b>County:</b>	Columbus

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):**

This tract has 2,900 feet of boundary along the Waccamaw River and 7,700 feet of boundary along Juniper Creek. All of the property lies within and among a complex of state natural areas along the Waccamaw River and its tributaries. It has exceptional aquatic and wetland habitats. It also has 6,300 feet of boundary along a tract of Columbus County Game Land in the Old Dock Community. 37 terrestrial and 21 aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) have been identified to likely benefit from the protection of this tract. The two natural areas that this property lies within are rated as Exceptional and High by the NC Natural Heritage Program.

Tract Name	Old Dock - Simmons Tract
Date	November 15, 2019
Staff Completing Form	Chesley Ward

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.815</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	1
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	2
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3

<b>Comments</b>
37 terrestrial and 21 aquatic SGCN have been identified to likely benefit from the protection of this tract. Terrestrial game species scores low due to how wet the tract is and difficult to access during wet periods. Protection of the river and creek will greatly benefit game and nongame fish species.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.722</b>
Size	1
Quality	3
Diversity	1
Rare/Important	2
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

<b>Comments</b>
Lying within two state natural areas, this tract is rated as Exceptional and High for its Representational and Collective Values by the NC Natural Heritage Program.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.444</b>
Hunting/Viewing	2
Fishing	1
Boating	1

<b>Comments</b>
Fishing and boating score low because the fishing and boating opportunities associated with this tract are hard to access from the tract itself.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.533</b>
Hunting	2
Viewing	2
Fishing	1
Boating	1
Education	2

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Timber Harvest	0
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	2

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.667</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	3
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	1

<b>Comments</b>

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.750</b>
Species Restoration	3
Habitat Restoration	3
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	3

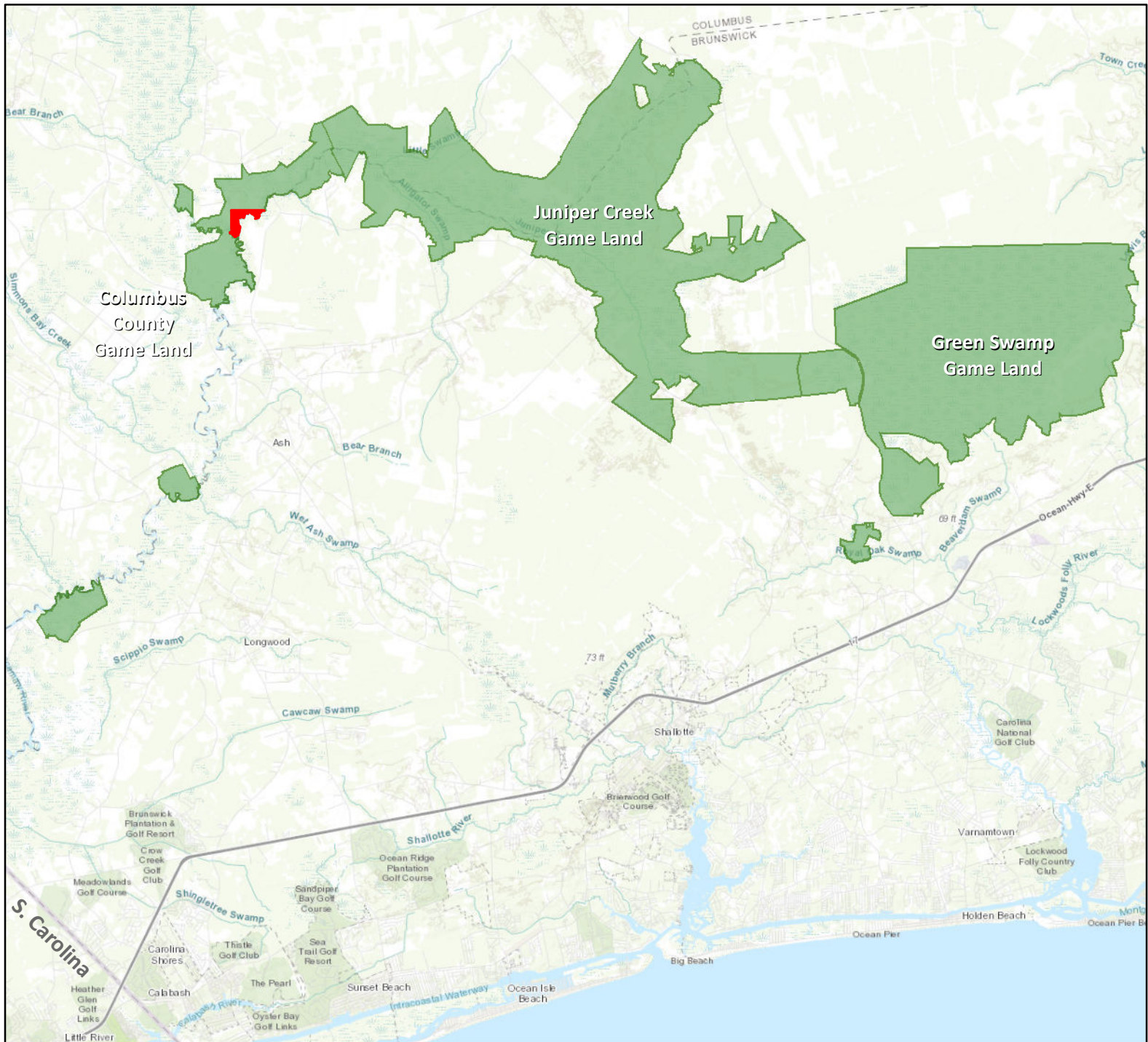
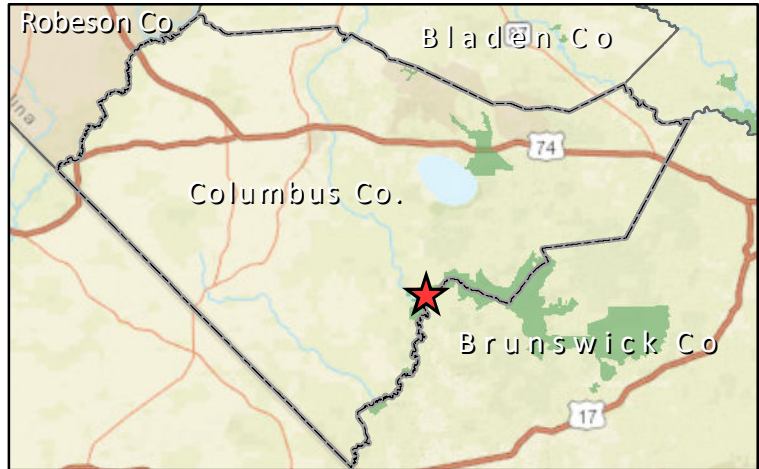
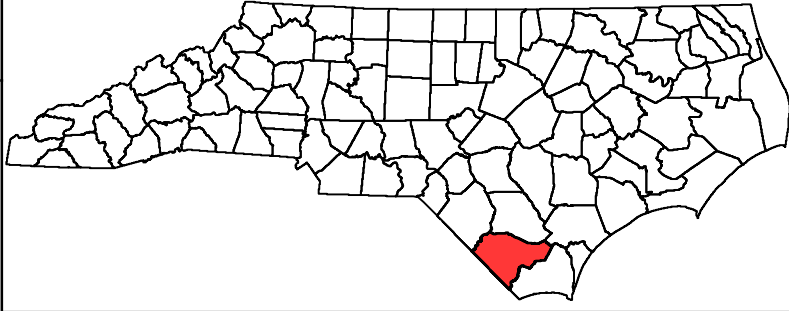
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<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.133</b>
Number	1
Severity	1
Imminence	0
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

<b>Comments</b>
The threat to this tract is the potential for it to be shovel logged when the timber becomes of age/size.

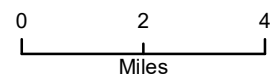
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>4.131</b>
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**Old Dock Simmons Tract  
Columbus County  
107 Acres**



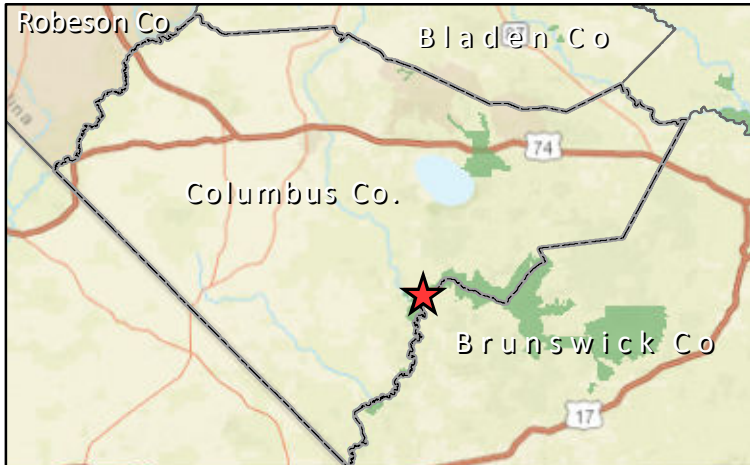
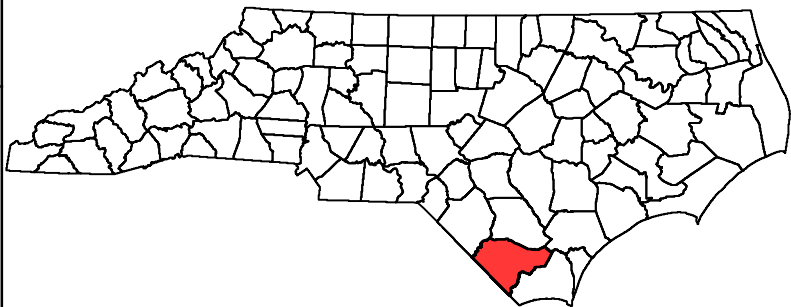
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 Old Dock Simmons Tract



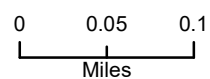


**Old Dock Simmons Tract**  
**Columbus County**  
**107 Acres**



February 13, 2020

 Old Dock Simmons Tract



# Exhibit F-5

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** ALCOA Tuckertown

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** February 16, 2017

**Acquisition Plan:**

WRC Wildlife Restoration Funds	\$3,716,283
NC Land and Water Fund	\$2,206,217
Three Rivers Land Trust	\$1,490,000
Private Donors	\$1,000,000
Ducks Unlimited	\$ 87,500
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$8,500,000</b>

**Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

**Total Cost Based on Appraisal?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A\*

\*Cost established in FERC Relicensing Settlement Agreement

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value

**Appraisal Handled by State Property Office?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**

Federal Assistance Grant – 75% federal: 25% state

**Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):**

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$106,064.00
Total Projected Revenue	\$0.00

# Exhibit F-5

February 25, 2021

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

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#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: ALCOA Tuckertown

Estimated Stewardship Costs					
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Expense Type	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment (WRC Crew)	64	Miles	One-time	\$500.00	\$32,064
Develop Parking Area	4	1 Area	One-time	\$10,000.00	\$40,000
Bald Mtn. Trail Development	1	Trail (1.2 miles)	One-time	Each	\$28,000
Install Gates	4	1 Gate	One-time	\$1,500.00	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$106,064</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>

# EXHIBIT F

February 16, 2017

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Chris Dawes

**Date First Presented to WRC:** February 16, 2017

**Tract Name:** ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts

**Acreage:** 2,420 Acres

**County:** Davidson, Montgomery

**Estimated Value:** \$6.1 Mil (Staff Est.)    \$8.5 Mil (RSA Value)

**Property Owner or Representative:** formerly ALCOA, now Cube Energy & The LandTrust for Central North Carolina, c/o Travis K. Morehead, Executive Director

**Phone:** 704-647-0302 (office)  
704-439-6129 (mobile)

**Address:** 204 East Innes Street, Suite 280  
Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

**Email:** [travis@landtrustcnc.org](mailto:travis@landtrustcnc.org)

**Status:** ☒ High Interest    ☐ Moderate Interest    ☐ Low Interest    ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant,  
North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters Program (Duke Energy Coal  
Ash Settlement Funds)

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** the 17 Tuckertown tracts all lie on the eastern side of the entire length of Tuckertown Reservoir, from below the High Rock Lake Dam to the Tuckertown Dam, a geographic distance of almost nine miles. Elevations across the project area range from 565 feet at the lake up to 950 feet (Bald Mountain). Several Natural Heritage Areas are noted, the most significant are Bald Mountain, Cabin Creek Hardwood Slopes, and Newsome Bluffs and Slopes. Most are regionally or county significant, have very good or prime integrity, and immediate threats are not eminent. However, except for the steepest slopes, much of this land has been converted to loblolly pine and much has been recently clearcut. Most of this pine is not commercial yet, though some is in need of a first thinning. In the future there will be timber management potential in pine stands (all or portions of six stands, ~970 acres), but mixed hardwood stands (bottomland and upland) should remain uncut. The highest elevation monadnock forest areas are mostly intact and have older growth forest. Many of these areas have extensive rock outcroppings and some unique plant communities. The bottomlands along the lake where there are lower elevation flats are typical of Piedmont NC vegetative assemblages. On some parcels with previous disturbance, common invasives were prolific, though they were largely absent at problematic levels on most parcels. Prescribed fire could be easily introduced on many tracts, and many of the timber stands should see fire.

**Additional Comments:** Most of this land is currently enrolled in the Game Lands Program through a lease agreement with ALCOA. The fate of the ALCOA Game Land is uncertain if this property is further subdivided and sold to private individuals.

Access to the parcels varies from boat only on many, to both land and water for some. There are not many state-maintained roads to provide public access to most of the larger acreage tracts. Public boating access is provided at the Bringle Ferry, Flat Creek, and Hwy. 49 boat ramps. Hunting potential is high on many tracts for forest game species, though moderate to low on others because of size or location. Fishing (lakeshore and boat) is extremely important here in the lake and in the tributary arms. A railroad grade parallels the lake for essentially the entire length of the reservoir, bisecting the western side of almost all of the parcels.

The permanent conservation of these lands is critical to maintaining landscape connectivity and ecosystem integrity in light of certain future surrounding developmental pressures and further habitat fragmentation.

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land ☒ Wildlife Conservation Area ☒ Fishing Access Area  
☐ None

**Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**  
Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):**

29 of 30
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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No



# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area) ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u> (preserve existing GL's)
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei ("anchors") for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>Yes (in GL's now)</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000- 5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>Yes</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>Yes</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u><u>29 of 30</u></u>

Tract Name **ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts**  
Date **January 19, 2017**  
Staff Completing Form **C. Dawes, C. Baranski, B. Beck, D. Cox**

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.593</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	2
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	2

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.722</b>
Size	3
Quality	1
Diversity	2
Rare/Important	1
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Hunting/Viewing	3
Fishing	3
Boating	3

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.933</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	3
Fishing	3
Boating	3
Education	2

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.778</b>
Timber Harvest	2
Local Economy	2
Quality of Life	3

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.867</b>
Existing Infrastructure	1
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	3
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	3

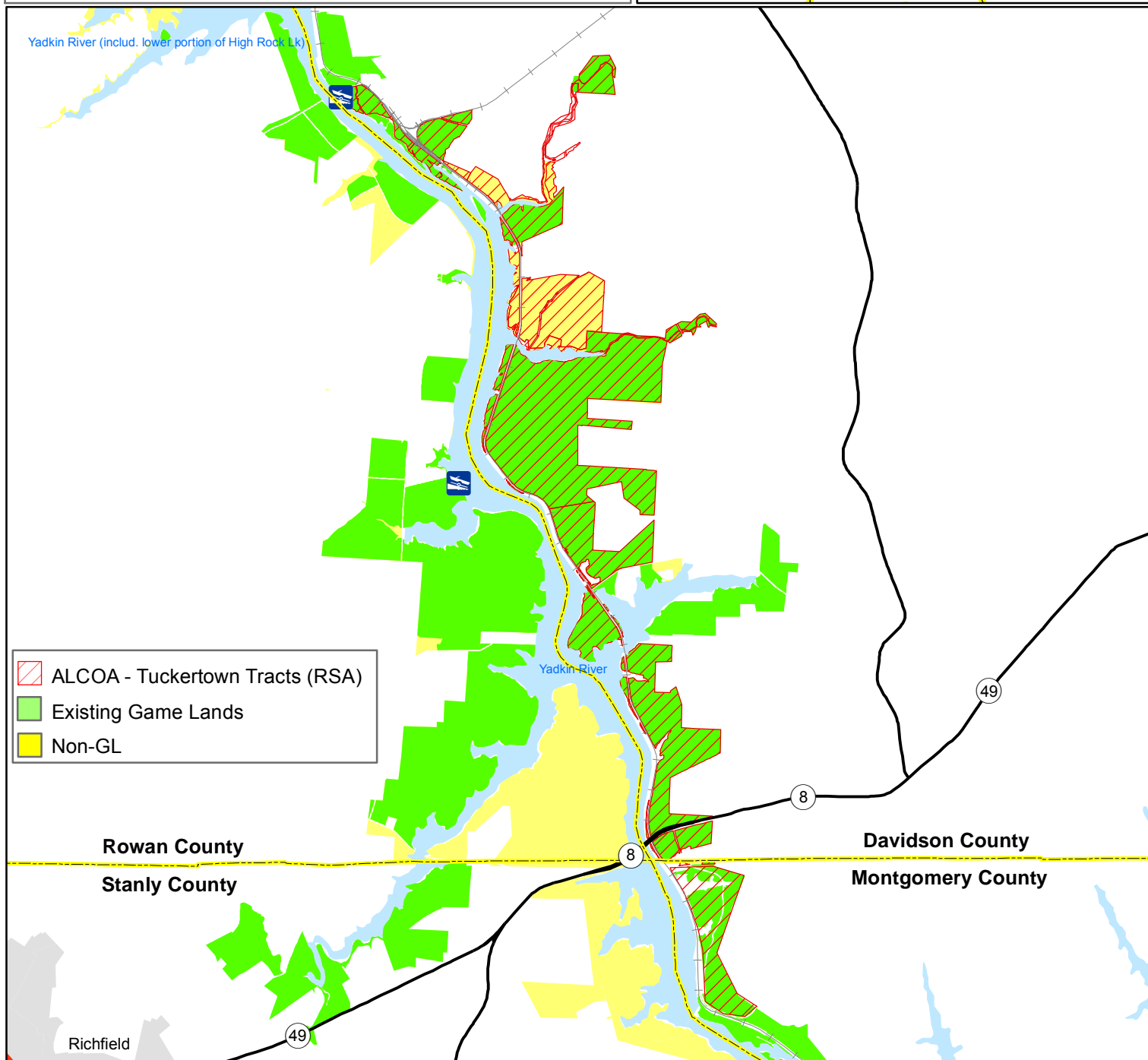
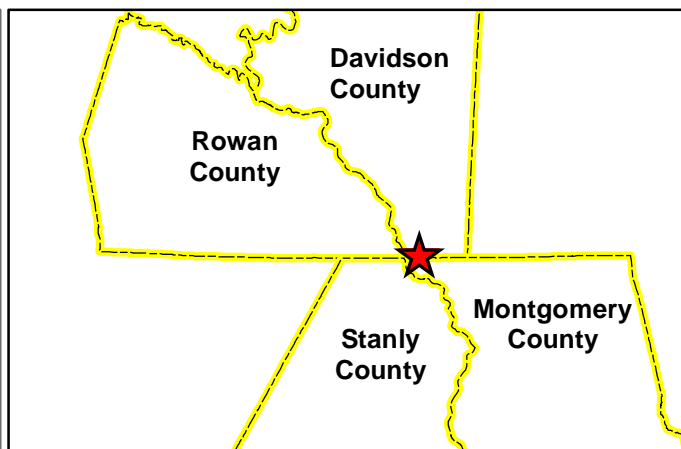
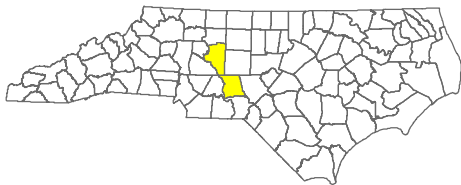
<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.583</b>
Species Restoration	1
Habitat Restoration	2
Access Improvement	2
Threat Mitigation	2

<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Number	2
Severity	1
Imminence	1
Manageability	1
Management Cost	0

<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>5.143</b>
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Comments

# Alcoa Tuckertown Tracts Davidson & Montgomery Co's 2,424 Acres



- ALCOA - Tuckertown Tracts (RSA)
- Existing Game Lands
- Non-GL



January 15, 2017

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



# EXHIBIT G-1

February 25, 2020



## **PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE OPEN COMMENT PERIOD 15A NCAC 10F .0305 BRUNSWICK COUNTY – OCEAN ISLE BEACH AT NC HIGHWAY 904 ODELL WILLIAMSON BRIDGE**

A virtual public hearing was held on December 17, 2020 to receive comments on the proposed permanent rule for a no-wake zone shore to shore in a portion of the ICW 100 yards east and 100 yards west of the NC Highway 904 Odell Williamson Bridge. There were no attendees.

During the open comment period there were no comments received.

# EXHIBIT G-2

February 25, 2021



## PERMANENT RULEMAKING FINAL ADOPTION 15A NCAC 10F .0305 –BRUNSWICK COUNTY, OCEAN ISLE BEACH

Brunswick County submitted an application for water safety rulemaking on a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) shore to shore, 100 yards east and 100 yards west of the NC Highway 904 Odell Williamson Bridge at Ocean Isle Beach. Prior to acceptance of an application, concurrence was received from the Wilmington District US Army Corps of Engineers to allow rulemaking within a portion of the ICW. Notice of Text was published in the *NC Register* on December 1, 2020, with one virtual public hearing on December 17, 2020 and an open comment period.

Per the assessment matrix (**attachment A**) there were significant safety hazards that will be mitigated by placement of a no-wake zone shore to shore in the area of the Odell Williamson Bridge, including a high traffic area with a busy boating access area close by, a visual obstruction created by bridge pilings and fenders, and a commercial area with a canal leading out to the ICW at the bridge.

Staff seeks final action by the Commission on this proposed rule amendment. If adopted, the Rule will be submitted to the Rules Review Commission for final approval. The earliest effective date would be May 1, 2021.

15A NCAC 10F .0305 is proposed for amendment as follows:

**15A NCAC 10F .0305    BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule shall apply to the waters and portions of waters described as follows:

- (1) Lockwoods Folly River in the Town of Varnamtown, from a point at 33.94966 N, 78.22587 W 500 yards northwest of the boat ramp located at the end of SR 1123 otherwise known as Fisherman Road, to a point at 33.94498 N, 78.22206 W, 180 yards southeast of the boat ramp, and including the portion of the river otherwise known as Mill Creek where it meets Lockwoods Folly River directly across from the boat ramp, to a point 100 feet northeast at 33.94687 N, 78.22235 W;
- (2) Calabash River in the Town of Calabash, from a point in the water at the end of Marina Drive at 33.88638 N, 78.56254 W to a point 650 yards southwest at the southern end of the deep-sea fishing docks at 33.88344 N, 78.56751 W;
- (3) the Small Boat Harbor, shore to shore beginning at its intersection with the Intracoastal Waterway at a point at 33.91685 N, 78.02865 W;
- (4) Shallotte River east of SR 1233, otherwise known as Village Point Road SW south of the Town of Shallotte, shore to shore from its intersection with the Intracoastal Waterway at a point at 33.91477 N, 78.37103 W to point 500 feet north at 33.91613 N, 78.37126 W;
- (5) Montgomery Slough otherwise known as Davis Creek, within 100 yards of the hotel and marina at the northern end of 57<sup>th</sup> Place West in the Town of Oak Island;
- (6) the waters in the natural and concrete canals located on the south side of the Intracoastal Waterway, east of N.C. Highway 904 in the Town of Ocean Isle Beach;
- (7) Town Creek east of SR 1609, otherwise known as Clearview Lane in Town Creek Township, shore to shore from a point at 34.16788 N, 78.07139 W, north and east around a bend in the creek to a point at 34.16910 N, 78.07030 W;
- (8) Montgomery Slough, otherwise known as Davis Creek, shore to shore from its entrance at the Intracoastal Waterway west of SW Yacht Drive at a point at 33.92145 N, 78.19408 W, to the canal end at NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Oak Island;~~and~~
- (9) Intracoastal Waterway in the Town of Sunset Beach, shore to shore from a point 150 yards east of the Sunset Boulevard South bridge at 33.88173 N, 78.50995 W, to a point 50 yards west of the bridge at 33.88111 N, ~~78.51194 W~~, 78.51194 W; and
- (10) Intracoastal Waterway in the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, shore to shore from a point 100 yards east of the NC Hwy 904 Odell Williamson Bridge at 33.89578 N, 78.43870 W to a point 100 yards west of the bridge at 33.89567 N, 78.44092 W.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any of the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement of Markers. The following agencies shall be the designated agencies for the placement of markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers:

- (1) the Board of Aldermen of Varnamtown for areas indicated in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule;
- (2) the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County for areas indicated in Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (8) of this Rule; ~~and~~
- (3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for the area indicated in Subparagraph (a)(9) of this ~~Rule.~~ Rule; and
- (4) the Town of Ocean Isle Beach for the area indicated in Subparagraph (a)(10) of this Rule.

## ATTACHMENT A



### NO-WAKE ZONE WATER SAFETY HAZARDS MATRIX

#### SECTION 1:

Name of organization/entity: Town of Ocean Isle Beach

Primary contact information: *Justin Whiteside, Asst. Town Administrator 910-579-3469*  
[justin@oibgov.com](mailto:justin@oibgov.com)

Exact location of requested no-wake zone:

Body of water and County: AIWW at Ocean Isle Beach, Brunswick County

Location: waters of the AIWW shore to shore on both sides of the Hwy 904 Odell Williamson bridge, Causeway Drive

Popular name of area, if any: Ocean Isle Beach Bridge

Width of No-Wake Zone: Narrowest Point: 400 feet Widest Point: 515 feet

Brief Description of area (example: bridge overpass, obstructed views, Intracoastal Waterway; etc) The Hwy 904 bridge passes over a narrow portion of the AIWW and a boating access area is immediately adjacent to the bridge. There is heavy vessel traffic on both sides of the bridge as vessels try to pass through the narrow channel surrounded by a fender system under the bridge. WRC has obtained concurrence from the Wilmington District of USACE to place a no-wake zone in the vicinity of the bridge.

7/2/2020

From HORTON, J TODD CIV USARMY CESAW (US) [James.T.Horton@usace.army.mil](mailto:James.T.Horton@usace.army.mil)

Hello Betsy,

Yes, we would concur with a no wake zone in the vicinity of the Ocean Isle Beach Bridge, especially since there is a boat ramp directly behind the fender system. What distance were you considering?

Todd Horton

Navigation Branch Deputy

Chief, Waterways Management Section

USACE Wilmington District. Office: (910) 251-4067; Cell: (910) 685-32

**Attach map of designated no-wake zone \* distance on both sides is suggested at 100 yards – please advise**

Ensure proposed no-wake zone map/and or location is agreed upon by point of contact

**Attach detailed reason given from point of contact for the request**

*Mr. Whiteside reports that at the boat ramp boats go under the bridge at speeds above idle, creating waves coming through the timbers of the fender system, creating rough water and hazards for boats as they load or unload. Boats exiting the ramp have blind spots at the timbers as they enter the ICW. The blind spots from the timbers create dangerous conditions as boats enter the canal for fueling or supplies. Traffic is very heavy in the confined area on both sides of the bridge as boats try to maneuver under the bridge.*



Is the proposed no-wake zone located within an area that is regulated by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers or the Division of Coastal Management (CAMA) i.e.; Intracoastal Waterway?

YES ☒ ICW – concurrence received 7-2-2020; CAMA permit required by Town

NO ☐

**(When dealing with the point of contact, please advise that placement of markers in these waters is subject to prior approval of above agency in waters where applicable. NCWRC has no authority to supersede these rules.)**

## SECTION 2:

### PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD

What public safety hazard exists? High Traffic area, access area close by, blind spot created by bridge pilings, commercial area with canal leading out into waterway at bridge.

Is this a public swimming or recreational area?

NO ☒

YES ☐ would the establishment of a roped swimming area or placement of no-wake regulatory buoys be more appropriate? ROPED SWIM AREA ☐

NO-WAKE BUOYS ☐

## SECTION 3:

### NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

Identify any and all potential hazards associated with the proposed no-wake zone (check all that apply)

OBSTRUCTIONS ☒ (Identify) Bridge piling/fender system is visual obstruction to vessels entering and exiting.

NARROW CHANNEL ☒ (give approximate width) 80 beet between bridge fender system where vessels normally pass through.

SHALLOW WATER ☐ (give average depth) \_\_\_\_\_

OBSTRUCTED VISION ☒ (for approximately how great a distance) 250 feet

STRUCTURES (Check all applicable)

☐ DAM

☐ SPILLWAY

☐ FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

☐ TRESTLE

☐ POWER LINE

☒ FUELING DOCK

☒ RESTAURANT DOCKS

☒ ACCESS AREA/BOAT LAUNCH

☐ LOCK

☐ JETTY

☐ SUBMERGED STRUCTURE

☐ SANDBAR

☐ SHOAL

☐ PRIVATE DOCKS

☒ BRIDGE

☐ PIER

OTHER (list and describe) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4:

If approved, will the no-wake zone extend into a designated channel?

NO ☐

YES ☒ (if yes, identify on map)

What is the total distance boaters will travel at a no-wake speed 600 feet

Estimated time to travel for boaters through the proposed no-wake zone at no-wake speed 3 to 4 minutes

**SECTION 5:** List any other known incidents, safety concerns or problems that have occurred?  
No boat incidents have occurred at this location up to this point. There have been numerous requests from boat operators and access area users for a no wake zone in this area.

Rate traffic density in this area from light to heavy **LIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 HEAVY**

Is traffic density specific to weekend/and or holidays? Consistent on a daily basis during spring and summer months.

Does traffic density or ability to maneuver a vessel due to traffic cause safety issues? YES ☒  
NO ☐

Rate the likelihood of an incident occurring in this area compared to other similar areas on this same body of water **VERY UNLIKELY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 MORE LIKELY**

**SECTION 6:**

**OFFICER ASSESSMENT OF WATER SAFETY HAZARDS**

YES: ☒

NO: ☐

Reasons: This area is located close to an access area where numerous vessels are launched and recovered. It is also located near a canal that is utilized for fueling of vessels, restaurant usage, vessel rentals and numerous commercial purposes. Vessels are continuously entering and exiting this area near the bridge and access area. The bridge pilings and fender system create a visual obstruction for oncoming vessels. The number of vessels coming through this area create wakes that are detrimental to those trying to launch and recover vessels at the access area. The narrow channel created by the fender system of the bridge causes vessels to have to operate in very close proximity to one another when passing under the bridge, which could lead to potential incidents.

Officer: Sgt. Scott Pritchard

Date: 07/14/2020

*Sgt. Scott Pritchard #409*

15A NCAC 10F .0305 (a) (10) - Proposed No Wake Zone  
Intracoastal Waterway, Ocean Isle Beach, Brunswick County





# EXHIBIT H-1

February 25, 2021



## Public Comments for 15A NCAC 10H .1501 - .1509 Wildlife and Alligator Control Agents

Position	Comment
Disagree	<p>I am totally opposed to the portion of the subject above as it pertains to WDCA licensing and the issuance of the new WCA license.</p> <p>There is already a process in place that allows permits to be issued for the removal of species causing property damage. Permits can be issued by an enforcement officer or a WRC Biologist and can name a third party to participate in the removal per the conditions spelled out by the permit.</p> <p>But by this new rule, I can not obtain a WCA license unless I am WDCA Certified, therefore I can not assist a landowner with removal even if the landowner obtains the permit and wants my assistance.</p> <p>I have no desire to be a WDCA Agent and issue permits and keep up with all of the paperwork but I am willing to assist landowners who do not have the skill of the tools necessary to resolve the damage issues.</p> <p>I should be able to obtain the WCA annual license without having to go through the WDCA Licensing in order to assist landowners with damage control as specified on the permit that they are issued.</p> <p>This process has been in place for years and I fail to see that it has caused issues that necessitated this change.</p> <p>Eliminate the requirement for the WDCA Certification in order to obtain the new annual WCA License.</p>
Disagree	<p>They need to have all apprentice attend a day school plus pay for license. If not these big companies like terminex will use them to do the work it just be a loop hole for companys to get by. The would the fairest for all of us.</p>

One public hearing was held on December 8, 2020.

# EXHIBIT H-2

February 25, 2021



## Proposed Rules

### **Section 15A NCAC 10H .1501-.1509 – Wildlife and Alligator Control Agents Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption**

Session Law 2019-204 established the Wildlife Control Agent (WCA) License and Alligator Control Agent (ACA) Certification in statute. The rules proposed for adoption in this Section will replace current agency rules for the Wildlife Damage Control Agent (WDCA) program found in 15A NCAC 10B .0106.

#### **10H .1501**

Establishes definitions and details training and exam requirements for a WCA license.

*10H .1501 Wildlife Control Agent License Eligibility and Requirements (pg. 3)*

#### **10H .1502**

Provides detail on the issuance of depredation permits by WCAs; specifies species for which the issuance of a permit is prohibited; and clarifies that WCAs cannot receive compensation for a depredation permit.

*10H .1502 Depredation Permits Issued by Wildlife Control Agents (pg. 4)*

#### **10H .1503**

Incorporates manner of take and disposition of wildlife requirements in 10B .0106; establishes WCA license number and trapper identification number equivalency; and establishes a bat eviction and exclusion activity period August 1 to April 30.

*10H .1503 Manner of Take (pg. 5)*

#### **10H .1504**

Provides details on record-keeping, reporting, and record retention requirements for WCAs.

*10H .1504 Records and Reporting Requirements (pg. 6)*

**10H .1505**

Specifies requirements for the renewal of the annual WCA license; and provides that the Executive Director may warn, cite, or revoke a WCA's license for certain violations as specified.

*10H .1505 Wildlife Control Agent License Renewal and Revocation (pg. 7)*

**10H .1506**

Establishes definitions and details training and exam requirements for WCAs to qualify for ACA certification.

*10H .1506 Alligator Control Agent Certification (pg. 8)*

**10H .1507**

Sets forth additional permits (endangered species and Commission-issued depredation permits) required for ACAs to handle and relocate alligators; and establishes requirements for authorization in emergency situations.

*10H .1507 Additional Permit Requirements for Alligator Control Agents (pg. 9)*

**10H .1508**

Provides details on record-keeping, reporting, and record retention requirements for ACAs.

*10H .1508 Alligator Control Agent Records and Reporting Requirements (pg. 10)*

**10H .1509**

Specifies requirements for the renewal of the annual ACA certification; and provides that the Executive Director may warn, cite, or revoke an ACA certification for certain violations as specified.

*10H .1509 Alligator Control Agent Certification Renewal and Revocation (pg. 11)*

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1501 Wildlife Control Agent License Eligibility and Requirements**

2 (a) The following definitions shall apply in this Section:

3 (1) “Wildlife control agent” or “WCA” means an individual that holds a current and valid wildlife  
4 control agent license issued by the Commission.

5 (2) “Wildlife control agent license” or “WCA license” means a license issued by the Commission that  
6 authorizes an individual to engage in wildlife damage control or wildlife removal activities by means  
7 of a depredation permit.

8 (b) It shall be unlawful to engage in wildlife damage control or wildlife removal activities for compensation,  
9 including eviction or exclusion activities, without first obtaining a wildlife control agent (WCA) license from the  
10 Commission, except that licensed trappers taking wild animals during the applicable open trapping season for that  
11 species shall not be required to obtain a WCA license.

12 (c) Individuals meeting the following requirements shall qualify for a WCA license:

13 (1) completion of a Commission-approved, WCA training course, that reviews the following:

14 (A) wildlife laws and rules, including methods of take, trapping, and depredation; and

15 (B) safe, humane wildlife handling techniques.

16 (2) a passing score of at least 80 percent on the WCA examination as specified in Paragraph (e) of this  
17 Rule.

18 (3) no wildlife misdemeanor convictions, as specified in G.S. 113-294 or G.S. 14, Article 47, that  
19 resulted in a license suspension or revocation within the five years preceding completion of the  
20 WCA training course.

21 (d) Individuals may register for a Commission-approved training course at [www.ncwildlife.org/wca](http://www.ncwildlife.org/wca). Required  
22 information shall include the following:

23 (1) the applicant's name, mailing address, email address, residence address, telephone number, driver's  
24 license number, and date of birth; and

25 (2) organizational affiliation, if applicable.

26 (e) Individuals scoring at least an 80 percent on the WCA examination provided by the Commission shall be deemed  
27 to have received a passing score and to have successfully demonstrated knowledge of wildlife laws and safe, humane  
28 wildlife handling techniques. Individuals failing to obtain a passing score on the WCA examination shall receive one  
29 opportunity to re-take the examination and receive a passing score without being required to retake the WCA training  
30 course.

31 (f) A WCA license shall not be transferable between individuals.

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33 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274  
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1 **15A NCAC 10H .1502 Depredation Permits Issued by Wildlife Control Agents**

2 (a) WCAs may issue depredation permits to landholders and may be listed as a second party on the permit to provide  
3 wildlife damage control or wildlife removal services. Depredation permits shall be issued and administered in  
4 accordance with the applicable provisions and requirements of 15A NCAC 10B .0106.

5 (b) WCAs shall not issue depredation permits for the following:

6 (1) any endangered, threatened, or special concern species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0103 - .0105;

7 (2) coyotes in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or Washington counties;

8 (3) big game animals, including Black Bear, White-tail Deer, and Wild Turkey;

9 (4) elk; and

10 (5) bats.

11 (c) WCAs shall be authorized to issue depredation permits for the taking of wildlife not prohibited in Paragraph (b)  
12 of this Rule, provided there is evidence that the wildlife is or has been damaging or destroying property.

13 (d) Depredation permits shall not be issued for the taking of migratory birds unless a corresponding, valid U.S. Fish  
14 and Wildlife Service depredation permit, as required by 50 CFR 21.41, has been obtained, if required.

15 (e) WCAs shall not receive compensation for the issuance of depredation permits; however, nothing in this Section  
16 shall be construed to limit the ability of a WCA to receive compensation for investigations or wildlife damage control  
17 and removal services.

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19 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274



1 **15A NCAC 10H .1503 Manner of Take**

2 (a) WCAs shall comply with applicable manner of taking and disposition of wildlife requirements specified in 15A  
3 NCAC 10B .0106.

4 (b) A WCA license number shall be equivalent to a trapper identification number for the purpose of meeting trap  
5 identification requirements specified in G.S. 113-291.6(b)(4) for all trap types used.

6 (c) WCAs may only engage in bat eviction and exclusion activities from August 1 through April 30 of the next  
7 calendar year unless otherwise approved by the Commission, on a case-by-case basis, for reasons of public health and  
8 safety, species conservation, or animal health.

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10 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1504 Records and Reporting Requirements**

2 (a) WCAs shall maintain the following records:

3 (1) a copy of each depredation permit issued; and

4 (2) the species, number, and disposition of each animal taken, organized by county.

5 (b) WCAs shall submit the following information to the Commission each calendar quarter for each animal taken  
6 pursuant to a depredation permit:

7 (1) depredation permit number and date of issue of the permit that authorized take;

8 (2) WCA license number;

9 (3) county where permit issued;

10 (4) type of damage;

11 (5) species;

12 (6) number of animals estimated to be taken;

13 (7) number of animals taken;

14 (8) method of take; and

15 (9) disposition of animal.

16 (c) Records shall be available for inspection by representatives of the Commission upon request or during the  
17 Commission's business hours.

18 (d) Records shall be retained by the WCA for 12 months following expiration of the WCA license.

19  
20 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1505 Wildlife Control Agent License Renewal and Revocation**

2 (a) A WCA may renew his or her WCA license by completing at least one Commission-approved continuing  
3 education course within the previous year. A list of Commission-approved continuing education courses may be  
4 found at [www.ncwildlife.org/wca](http://www.ncwildlife.org/wca).

5 (b) WCAs that do not renew their license for two consecutive calendar years shall be ineligible for renewal and  
6 shall be required to repeat the requirements specified in 15A NCAC 10H .1501, prior to obtaining a new WCA  
7 license.

8 (c) The Executive Director or his or her designee, may warn, cite, or revoke a WCA's license, if the WCA violates  
9 any provision of G.S. 14, Article 47; G.S. 113, Subchapter IV; any rules promulgated by the Commission; conditions  
10 of the WCA license; or standards taught in a Commission-approved WCA training course. The determination whether  
11 to warn, cite, or revoke a WCA's wildlife control agent license shall be based upon the seriousness of the violation.

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13 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274  
14

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1506 Alligator Control Agent Certification Eligibility and Requirements**

2 (a) The following definitions shall apply in this Section:

3 (1) “Alligator control agent” or “ACA” means a licensed Wildlife Control Agent that holds a current  
4 and valid alligator control agent certification issued by the Commission.

5 (2) “Alligator control agent certification” or “ACA certification” means a certification issued by the  
6 Commission that authorizes a Wildlife Control Agent to engage in alligator damage control or  
7 alligator removal activities by means of a Commission-issued depredation permit.

8 (b) It shall be unlawful to engage in alligator damage control or alligator removal activities for compensation without  
9 first obtaining an alligator control agent (ACA) certification from the Commission.

10 (c) Only individuals with a valid WCA license shall be eligible for ACA certification.

11 (d) WCAs meeting the following requirements shall qualify for ACA certification:

12 (1) completion of a Commission-approved ACA training course that reviews the following:

13 (A) alligator regulations;

14 (B) procedures for alligator data collection activities; and

15 (C) safe, humane alligator capture, handling, and transporting techniques.

16 (2) a passing score on the ACA written examination as specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

17 (3) demonstration to the Commission of necessary equipment to safely and humanely capture and  
18 relocate alligators, including ropes, cables, snares, poles, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag  
19 reader, and an alligator transport device.

20 (e) WCAs may register for a Commission-approved ACA training course at [www.ncwildlife.org/wca](http://www.ncwildlife.org/wca)

21 (f) WCAs scoring at least an 80 percent on the ACA examination provided by the Commission shall be deemed to  
22 have received a passing score. WCAs failing to obtain a passing score on the examination shall receive one opportunity  
23 to re-take the examination and receive a passing score without being required to retake the ACA training course.

24 (g) An ACA certification shall not be transferable between individuals.

25  
26 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274*

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1507 Additional Permit Requirements for Alligator Control Agents**

2 (a) ACAs shall obtain an endangered species permit from the Commission each calendar year prior to conducting any  
3 alligator handling and relocation activities.

4 (b) ACAs shall only handle alligators after a separate depredation permit for each alligator has been issued from a  
5 representative of the Commission.

6 (c) In emergency situations, where an alligator must be moved without delay due to a current or imminent threat to  
7 human safety, the safety of the alligator, or disruption of traffic, ACAs shall obtain an authorization code from a  
8 representative of the Commission prior to conducting any alligator handling and relocation activities. Authorization  
9 codes may be obtained from Commission District Biologists or by contacting the Commission's communications  
10 center at 1-800-662-7137 to be directed to an appropriate Commission representative.

11  
12 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1508 Alligator Control Agent Records and Reporting Requirements**

2 (a) ACAs shall maintain alligator datasheets for each alligator handled or relocated, which shall include the following  
3 information:

- 4       (1)       dates and times of capture and release;  
5       (2)       the GPS locations of the capture and release sites;  
6       (3)       PIT tag number inserted or found upon scanning;  
7       (4)       scute numbers removed;  
8       (5)       total length and snout-to-vent length measurements;  
9       (6)       gender as determined by cloacal examination;  
10       (7)       general observations on physical condition including any injuries observed; and  
11       (8)       the Commission-issued depredation permit number or authorization code.

12 (b) ACAs shall follow the reporting requirements on the endangered species permit.

13 (c) Records shall be available for inspection by representatives of the Commission upon request or during the  
14 Commission's business hours.

15 (d) Records shall be retained by the ACA for 12 months following expiration of the ACA certification.

16  
17 History Note:     Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274  
18

1 **15A NCAC 10H .1509 Alligator Control Agent Certification Renewal and Revocation**

2 (a) An ACA may renew his or her alligator control agent certification by certifying proof of attending at least one  
3 Commission-approved alligator-specific continuing education course within the previous year. A list of Commission-  
4 approved renewal courses may be found at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

5 (b) ACAs shall maintain a valid WCA license at all times.

6 (c) The Executive Director or his or her designee may warn, cite, suspend, or revoke an ACA's certification, if the  
7 ACA violates any provision of G.S. 14, Article 47, or G.S. 113, Subchapter IV, or any rules promulgated by the  
8 Commission; conditions of the certification; or standards taught in a Commission-approved ACA training course. The  
9 determination whether to warn, cite, suspend, or revoke an ACA's certification shall be based upon the seriousness of  
10 the violation.

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12 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274  
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# **EXHIBIT I-1**

**February 25, 2021**



## **Public Comments for 15A NCAC 10B .0106 Wildlife Taken for Depredations**

No comments were received during the open comment period.

A virtual public hearing was held on December 8, 2020.



# **EXHIBIT I-2**

**February 25, 2021**



## **Proposed Rules to 15A NCAC 10B .0106 Wildlife Taken for Depredations Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption**

Because of the Wildlife and Alligator Control Agent rules proposed for Section 10H .1500, 10B .0106 required updates to remove the Wildlife Damage Control Agent Certification and requirements.

### **10B .0106**

This Rule was amended to remove language concerning Wildlife Damage Control Agent Certification and update and clarify language.

*15A NCAC 10B .0106 Wildlife Taken for Depredations (pgs.2-5)*

## 15A NCAC 10B .0106 WILDLIFE TAKEN FOR DEPREDATIONS

~~(a) Depredation permits allow the taking of undesirable or excess wildlife resources as described in Subparagraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Paragraph. Only employees of the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) and Wildlife Damage Control Agents (WDCA) may issue depredation permits. Only depredation permits prepared on a form supplied by the Commission shall be valid. No permit is needed for the owner or lessee of a property to take wildlife while committing depredations on that property; however, the manner of taking, disposition of dead wildlife, and reporting requirements as described in this Rule still apply.~~

(a) Depredation permits shall authorize the taking, destruction, transfer, removal, transplanting, or driving away of undesirable, destructive, or excess wildlife or wildlife resources as specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

(b) The following conditions shall apply to depredation permits:

- (1) depredation permits shall be prepared on a form supplied by the Commission; and
- (2) depredation permits shall only be issued by authorized employees of the Commission or licensed Wildlife Control Agents (WCA).

(c) Depredation permits shall not be required for the owner or lessee of a property to take wildlife while committing depredations on that property; however, the manner of take, disposition of dead wildlife, and reporting requirements specified in this Rule shall apply.

~~(b)~~ (d) No permit shall be issued to take ~~any~~ endangered or threatened species of wildlife listed under 15A NCAC 10I, except alligators, by reason of depredations to property. ~~Only the~~ The Executive Director or his or her designee may issue depredation permits for Special Concern species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0105 and for alligators. An individual may take an endangered or threatened species in immediate defense of his or her own life or of the lives of others without a permit. Any endangered or threatened species that may constitute a demonstrable but non-immediate threat to human safety shall be reported to a federal or Commission wildlife enforcement officer, who, upon verification of the report, may take or remove the specimen as provided by 15A NCAC 10I .0102. Depredation permits for other species may be issued under the following conditions:

- (1) for taking wildlife that is or has been damaging or destroying property, provided there is evidence of property damage. No permit may be issued for the taking of migratory birds and other federally-protected animals unless a corresponding, valid U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service depredation permit(s), if required, has been issued. A permit issued pursuant to this Rule shall name the species allowed to be taken and may include limitations as to age, sex, type of depredation, location of animal or damage, and local laws. The permit shall be issued to a landholder or an authorized representative of a unit of local government for depredations on public property. The permit shall be used only by individuals named on the permit.
- (2) for taking of wildlife resources in circumstances of overabundance or when the wildlife resources present a danger to human safety. Cities, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), seeking a depredation permit pursuant to these circumstances shall apply to the Commission using an application available from the Commission. The application shall include the following information:
  - (A) the name and location of the city;

- (B) the acreage of the affected property;
- (C) a map of the affected property;
- (D) the signature of an authorized city representative;
- (E) the nature of the overabundance or the threat to public safety; and
- (F) a description of previous actions taken by the city to ameliorate the problem.

~~(c) Wildlife Damage Control Agents. Individuals meeting the following eligibility requirements may apply to become a Wildlife Damage Control Agent (WDCA):~~

- ~~(1) Successful completion of a training course that is designed to:
 
  - ~~(A) review wildlife laws;~~
  - ~~(B) review safe, humane wildlife handling techniques.~~~~
- ~~(2) No wildlife misdemeanor conviction, as specified in G.S. 113-294 that resulted in a license suspension or revocation, within the last five years prior to application to become a WDCA.~~

~~Those individuals who demonstrate knowledge of wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling techniques by a passing score of 80 percent or better on a written examination provided by a representative of the Commission, in cooperation with the training course provider, shall be approved. Those individuals failing to obtain a passing score shall be given one chance for re-testing without re-taking the course. Those individuals approved as agents by the Commission may then issue depredation permits for depredation as defined in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule to landholders and be listed as a second party to provide the control service. WDCA's may not issue depredation permits for coyotes in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington; big game animals; bats; or any species listed as endangered, threatened, or special concern under 15A NCAC 101.0103, .0104, and .0105 of this Chapter. WDCA's shall annually report to the Commission the number and disposition of animals by county. Records shall be available for inspection by a wildlife enforcement officer at any time during the posted business hours of the Commission at [newwildlife.org](http://newwildlife.org). The Executive Director shall revoke WDCA status when there is evidence of violations of wildlife laws, failure to report, or inhumane treatment of animals by the WDCA. A WDCA may not charge for the permit, but may charge for his or her investigations and control services. Each WDCA shall renew his or her agent status every three years by showing proof of having attended at least one training course provided for the purpose of reviewing and updating information on wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling techniques within the previous 12 months or agency approved continuing education credits.~~

~~(d) (e) Each depredation permit shall have an expiration date or time after which the depredation permit is no longer valid. date. The A depredation permit authorizes the possession of any wildlife resources taken under the authority of the permit permit. and Depredation permits shall be retained as long as the wildlife resource is in the permittee's authorized individual's possession. All individuals~~ Individuals taking wildlife resources under the authority of a depredation permit shall comply with the conditions ~~written on~~ of the permit and the requirements specified in this Rule.

~~(e)-(f) Manner of Taking:~~

- (1) Taking Without a Permit. Wildlife taken without a permit while committing depredations to property may, during the open season on the species, be taken by the landholder by any lawful

method. During the closed season, such depredating wildlife may be taken without a permit only by the use of firearms or archery equipment as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116.

- (2) Taking With a Permit. Wildlife taken under a depredation permit may be taken only by the method or methods authorized by the permit. When trapping is authorized, in order to limit the taking to the intended purpose, the permit may specify a reasonable distance from the property sought to be protected, within which the traps shall be set. The Executive Director, Commission employee, or ~~agent~~ WCA may also state in a permit authorizing trapping whether or not bait or lure may be used and the type of bait or lure that is authorized based upon factors such as type of depredation, locations of animal or damage, and local laws. In addition to any trapping restrictions that may be contained in the permit, the method of trapping shall be in accordance with the requirements and restrictions imposed by G.S. 113-291.6 and other local laws passed by the General Assembly. No depredation permit shall authorize the use of poisons or pesticides in taking wildlife except in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971, G.S. 143, Article 52, the Structural Pest Control Act of 1955, G.S. 106, Article 4C, and G.S. 113, Article 22A. No depredation permit shall authorize the taking of wildlife by any method by any landholder upon the lands of another except when the individual is listed as a second party on a depredation permit.
- (3) Intentional Wounding. It is unlawful for any landholder, with or without a depredation permit, to intentionally wound a wild animal in a manner so as not to cause its immediate death as suddenly and humanely as the circumstances permit.

~~(f)~~ (g) Disposition of Wildlife Taken:

- (1) Generally. Except as provided by Subparagraphs (2) through (5) of this Paragraph, any wildlife killed without a permit while committing depredations shall be buried or disposed of in a safe and sanitary manner on the property where taken. Wildlife killed under a depredation permit may be transported to an alternate disposal site if desired. Anyone in possession of carcasses of animals being transported under a depredation permit shall have the depredation permit in his or her possession. Except as provided by Subparagraphs ~~(f)(2) through (5) of this Rule, (2) through (5) of this Paragraph,~~ all wildlife killed under a depredation permit shall be buried or otherwise disposed of as stated on the permit.
- (2) Deer and feral swine. The edible portions of feral swine and deer may be retained by the landholder for consumption but shall not be transported from the property where the depredations took place without a valid depredation permit. The landholder may give a second party the edible portions of feral swine or deer taken under a depredation permit. The receiver of the edible portions shall hold a copy of the depredation permit. The nonedible portions of any deer carcass, including head, hide, feet, and antlers, shall be disposed of as specified in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph or turned over to a wildlife enforcement officer for disposition.

- (3) Fox. Any fox killed under a depredation permit may be disposed of as described in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph or, upon compliance with the fur tagging requirements of 15A NCAC 10B Section .0400, the carcass or pelt thereof may be sold to a licensed fur dealer.
- (4) Furbearing Animals. The carcass or pelt of any furbearing animal killed during the open season for taking such furbearing animal for control of depredations to property, whether with or without a permit, may be sold to a licensed fur dealer provided that the person offering such carcass or pelt for sale has a valid hunting or trapping license; provided further that bobcats and otters may only be sold upon compliance with any required fur tagging requirement set forth in 15A NCAC 10B Section .0400.
- (5) Animals Taken Alive. Wild animals in the order Carnivora, armadillos, groundhogs, nutria, and beaver shall be humanely euthanized either at the site of capture or at a facility designed to humanely handle the euthanasia, or such wild animals must be released on the property where captured. Feral swine shall be euthanized while still in the trap in accordance with G.S. 113-291.12. For all other animals taken alive, the animal shall be euthanized or released on property with permission of the landowner. When the relocation site is public property, written permission shall be obtained from the local, state, or federal official authorized to manage the property before any animal may be released. Animals transported or held for euthanasia shall be euthanized within 12 hours of ~~capture~~ possession. Anyone in possession of live animals being transported for relocation or euthanasia under a depredation permit shall have the depredation permit in his or her possession.

~~(g)~~ (h) Reporting Requirements. Any landholder who kills an alligator; coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or Washington; deer; Canada goose; bear; elk; or wild turkey under a valid depredation permit shall report the kill on the form provided with the permit, including the number and species of animal(s) killed, and submit the form upon the expiration date of the depredation permit to the Commission. Any landowner who kills a coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington shall report the kill, including the number of coyotes killed, on the form provided with the depredation permit. The killing and method of disposition of every alligator; coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington; bear; or elk taken without a permit shall be reported to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 24 hours following the time of such killing.

(i) Exemption for Animal Control Officers. Animal Control Officers, as defined by G.S. 130A-184(1) when in the performance of official duties, shall be exempt from obtaining a depredation permit when taking wild animals that:

- (1) Exhibit visible signs of rabies;
- (2) Exhibit unprovoked aggression that may be associated with rabies;
- (3) Are suspected to be rabid; or
- (4) Have or may have exposed humans, pets, or livestock to rabies.

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