



**AGENDA**  
**N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**February 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**  
**1751 Varsity Drive**  
**NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Monty Crump*

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Commissioner JC Cole*

**INVOCATION** – *Commissioner Kelly Davis*

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

**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 Monty Crump*

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the December 9, 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT** – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT B)*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**2021 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION** – Awarded Posthumously to Duane Raver – *Dr. David Cobb, Research Director & Cameron Ingram, Executive Director*

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

**Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – February 2, 2022** –*Brad Stanback, Vice Chair*

**Fisheries Committee Report – February 2, 2022** –*John Stone, Chair*

**Habitat, Nongame, & Endangered Species Committee Report – February 23, 2022** –*Mark Craig, Chair*

**Education and Communication Committee Report – February 23, 2022**–*Kelly Davis, Chair*

**Rules Committee Report – February 23, 2022** –*Wes Seegars, Chair*

**Big Game Committee Report – February 23, 2022** –*David Hoyle, Chair*

**Committee of the Whole Report – February 23, 2022** –*Monty Crump, Chair*

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – BRINGING THEM BACK** –*Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

## LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBIT C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4)*

- Pisgah Creek Tract – Haywood County (**EXHIBIT C-1**)
- Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition– Hertford and Bertie Counties (**EXHIBIT C-2**)
- Cape Fear D/V Tract – Pender County (**EXHIBIT C-3**)
- Donnie Snelson Tract – Madison County (**EXHIBIT C-4**)

## RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0201 Safety Equipment** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt changes to boating safety equipment rule – *Major Ben Meyer, Law Enforcement Division (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)*

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2022-2023 Wildlife Management Rules** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to wildlife management rules – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2b)*

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2022-2023 Inland Fisheries Rules** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to inland fisheries rules – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2022-2023 Land and Water Access Rules** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to land and water access rules – *Brian McRae, Deputy Director of Operations (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2b)*

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2022-2023 Rehabilitation & License Fees Rules** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to rehabilitation and license fee rule – *Daron Barnes, Office of Wildlife Interaction, Regulation Activities and Permits Program Manager (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2b)*

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – *Chairman Crump*

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

**ADJOURN**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**February 24, 2022**



**MINUTES**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**

Chairman Monty Crump called the December 9, 2021 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the agency's headquarters in Raleigh. Crump reminded everyone that the meeting is being audio streamed live and will be available at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

Commissioner David Hoyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wes Seegars gave the invocation.

**MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. Hayden Rogers and Mike Alford were absent.

**COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE**

Monty Crump	Thomas Fonville	Kelly Davis	John Coley	John Stone
David Hoyle	Jim Ruffin	Steve Windham	Tom Haislip	
Brad Stanback	Wes Seegars	J.C. Cole	Tom Berry	
John Alexander	Mark Craig	Landon Zimmer	Ray Clifton	

## **VISITORS**

Robert Smith NC Chapter, NWTF  
Tim Draughon, NC Chapter, NWTF  
Brent Philips, NC Chapter, NWTF  
Zac Morton NWTF Mid-Atlantic Director of Development  
Tim Gestwicki. NCWF CEO  
Dr. Bob Brown, NCWF Board Member  
Dr. Wilson Laney, NCWF Board Member  
Ann Somers, NCWF Board Member  
Family of Natalie Bell  
Family of Officer Nathan Cox  
Family of Officer Jenrette Springs

**NOTICES OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS** – Receive Notices of Appointments by Governor Roy Cooper of Hayden A. Rogers, At-Large (**EXHIBIT A-1**); and J. Carlton Cole, At-Large (**EXHIBIT A-2**), for terms ending June 30, 2025; and Appointments of Michael K. Alford, District 2 (**EXHIBIT A-3**); Thomas M. Haislip, Jr., District 5 (**EXHIBIT A-4**); and David Hoyle, Jr., District 8 (**EXHIBIT A-5**); for terms ending June 30, 2027.

**Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, and A-5** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2021 MEETING**

On a motion by David Hoyle and second by John Coley, the Minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in **EXHIBIT B**.

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer, presented a status report in **EXHIBIT C** on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund.

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

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION – 2021 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) NATIONAL FEMALE CHAMPION** – Executive Director Cameron Ingram recognized Natalie Bell the 2021 NASP National Female Champion.

**2020 NORTH CAROLINA WILD TURKEY FEDERATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**AWARD** – Brent Philips, Robert Smith, and Tim Draughon of the NC State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, along with Zac Morton, NWTF Director of Development Mid-Atlantic, presented the 2020 North Carolina Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year Award to Master Officer Nathan Cox.

**2021 NORTH CAROLINA WILD TURKEY FEDERATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR –**

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**2021 NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION CONSERVATIONIST OF THE**

**YEAR AWARD** –NC Wildlife Federation CEO Tim Gestwicki along with board members Dr. Bob Brown, Dr. Wilson Laney, and Ann Somers presented the 2021 North Carolina Wildlife Federation Conservationist of The Year Award to Dr. Matthew Godfrey.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

**Boating Safety Committee Report – December 8, 2021** – *John Coley, Chair*, reported the Boating Safety Committee met on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Betsy Haywood, *Water Safety Rules Coordinator*, explained that staff accepts applications from local units of government for consideration by the Commission for boating safety rules. The agency continues to review existing rules to make sure that they are necessary, within the Commission’s statutory authority, clear and unambiguous, place no undue burden on the regulated public, and meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. She also reviewed requests for water safety rule amendments and technical changes to clarify and correct text, from the agency and local units of government in six counties – Morrow Mountain State Park in Stanly County; Lake James State Park in Burke County; City of Greenville in Pitt County; Montgomery County; Lake Wylie Marine Commission; and Northampton and Warren counties. A new Rule proposal for Halifax County was reviewed. Two requests for rulemaking were reviewed to repeal the water safety Rule for Warren County on Lake Gaston and combine those amendments into the Rule for Northampton and Warren counties; and to repeal the Rule for Henderson County at Lake Summit. Fiscal notes were reviewed for Stanly, Burke, Pitt, and Halifax counties. The Boating Safety Committee had no objections and recommended adoption of these Rules and Fiscal Notes at today’s meeting. Ben Meyer, *Major of Administration*, updated the Committee about correspondence from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. The Lake Wylie Marine Commission requests the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to adopt an amendment requiring no-wake speed within 50 yards of any boat launching ramp, dock, pier, marina, boat storage structure or boat service area on Lake Wylie. Chairman Crump tasked staff with preparing a response and noted that such a request exceeds the authority or necessity for rulemaking by the WRC.

**Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report –December 8, 2021**– *John Coley, Chair*, reported the Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee met on December 8, 2021. The first topic of discussion involved the North Carolina State Waterfowl Print. Brad Howard, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, briefly discussed the history of the State Waterfowl Print and advised Commissioners that 2022 would be the 40th year of the print. Staff identified a significant decrease in sales and interest in the stamp and provided the suggestion that we considered ending the print program with the 40th and final year. The

Committee agreed and further discussion will be had with regard to the species on the stamp, artist, and other details. Next, Doug Howell, *Migratory Bird Coordinator*, gave an update and review of the Migratory Bird Regulation Process along with an update on several upcoming changes to the duck and goose seasons during the next cycle, including some changes to the northeast goose zone. With no further business, the Committee adjourned.

**Big Game Committee Report – December 8, 2021** – *David Hoyle, Chair*, reported the Big Game Committee met on December 8, 2021. The Committee received presentations from Colleen Olfenbittel *Black Bear/Furbearer Biologist*, Moriah Boggess, *Deer Biologist*, and Brad Howard, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*. Colleen gave the committee an overview of the current bear management plan and highlighted the many ways in which the Commission has accomplished significant objectives from our current plan. She then briefly discussed the plans to move forward with the genetic mark/recapture population estimate in the Coastal Bear Management Unit. The current bear management plan is up for revision however staff asked that given the very specific and informative data expected from this population estimation work that we continue to work under the current plan and begin creation of a new plan once this estimation is complete. Following the presentation, a discussion was had regarding site specific needs for some areas of high bear density and potential options or programs to address those issues. A discussion was also had relative to guide/outfitters and the need to examine and address the growing trends in that service, especially related to bear hunting and potential impacts that might have on the population and bear hunting opportunities. Brad Howard followed the bear discussion with a brief discussion about the interest from Graham County with regard to translocating elk into the County. After reviewing the discussion from 2016 relative to the same topic the Committee indicated that the position has not changed, and the Commission does not intend to translocate or reintroduce elk in Graham County. Moriah Boggess the new deer biologist gave a brief update on the disease monitoring efforts of our deer herds including CWD sampling updates and some information regarding COVID and white-tailed deer. Finally, Chief Howard gave a quick update of the deer and bear harvest, deer harvest is up statewide and bear harvest remains relatively stable across all management units and zones. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – December 8, 2021** – *Tom Berry, Chair*, reported the Land Acquisitions and Property Committee met on December 8, 2021. Director Ingram welcomed Katherine Skinner with The Nature Conservancy to the committee meeting. Katherine highlighted the long-standing partnership and collaboration between our two groups as well as upcoming opportunities with the Land and Water Fund. Chairman Berry thanked her for her commitment and her work towards land conservation and that we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future. The Committee reviewed and endorsed five Phase I and one Phase II land acquisition projects and briefly reviewed the need for an out-of-cycle joint committee meeting in January with the Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the next steps in relation to the Small Game Focal Area concept. The Committee also discussed the idea for a recognition lunch or gathering in February with the relevant conservation partners to celebrate the Tuckertown acquisition.

**Fisheries Committee Report – December 8, 2021** – *John Stone, Chair*, reported the Fisheries Committee met on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, presented maps showing

nine proposed changes to boundaries for Inland and Coastal Fishing Waters: 5 changes in the Albemarle Sound area, 2 changes in the Neuse River area, and 2 changes in the Cape Fear River area. The Committee voted to endorse the proposed changes and asked staff to identify the associated impacts and to initiate the preparation of a fiscal note. Next, Christian presented 4 different designs for signs incorporating the recent statutory change allowing veterans to fish in Mountain Heritage Trout Waters without having a fishing license. The Committee indicated their preference for the design with a U.S. flag watermark. Doug Besler, *Mountain Region Fishery Supervisor*, presented water temperature data collected at 16 sites across western North Carolina as part of an evaluation of catch and release stocked trout angling opportunities. Temperature loggers were deployed over the summer in 2020 and 2021, and only 4 of the 16 streams were considered viable options based on a water temperature threshold of 70°F. Additional management and production considerations were shared, and it was noted that any expansion of the trout program using stocked fish will not be possible until the Setzer State Fish Hatchery is renovated. The Committee expressed interest in continuing to explore a year-round catch and release stocked trout fishery and asked staff to continue to examine the feasibility of Hiwassee River as a potential site, the additional numbers of trout needed to stock a year-round catch and release stream or streams, and a list of other locations where the expanded capacity at our hatcheries could be utilized. Jeremy McCargo, *Anadromous Research Coordinator*, provided an update on the NC Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 currently being developed. The plan development team, which includes DMF and WRC staff, is in the final stages of drafting the Amendment, and the final recommendations of the plan will be shared with the Committee in early 2022. Jeremy also reviewed management of Striped Bass in the Albemarle Sound-Roanoke River management areas. Temporary rule has established a daily creel limit of one fish per day to avoid exceeding the total allowable landings. The 2022 Harvest Season and the 2021 total allowable landings (TAL) overages will be addressed at subsequent meetings. In addition, stocking juvenile Striped Bass is under consideration for 2022 to address poor recruitment over the past 4 years.

**Committee of the Whole Report – December 8, 2021** – *Monty Crump, Chair*, reported the Committee of the Whole Committee met on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Committee reviewed proposed adoption of controlled rabbit hunting preserves rules, re-adoption of hunting and trapping rules presented by Brad Howard. Christian Waters presented proposed re-adoption of general rules for inland fishing. He went through proposed joint rules and other rules for notice of text that reaffirm the Commission’s authority and removes confusion that may exist in inland, joint, and coastal waters. Ashley Pekrul, *Regulatory Analyst*, briefly went through an introduction of the delineations and joint rules that will be presented in full at the Rules Committee in February, including the proposed amendment to the replacement costs for wildlife. NC dam prioritization update presentation was postponed to a later meeting.

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – GAME LAND MANAGEMENT** – *Chris Jordan, Game Lands and Forest Resources Manager* presented a spotlight on NCWRC Management of Game Lands. The presentation covered the specific objectives that govern game land management, current staffing levels, current lands enrolled in the Game Land Program, aspects of land management, aspects of infrastructure management, and current efforts to increase hunting opportunities on game lands for sportsmen with disabilities. Brian McRae, Chief, Land and Water Access Division, then discussed the changes that have occurred over the past 10 years in relation to land acquisition and infrastructure. Brian indicated that a major reorganization occurred within the Agency in 2012 to gain effectiveness and efficiency. However, since 2012, the Agency has acquired 61,710 acres in game lands, opened 22 new boating access areas, 44 new public fishing areas,



and installed 286 navigational aids. Further, with the increased budget to the Land and Water Fund, it is highly likely that more lands will be acquired by the Agency in coming years. These are great additions for wildlife, natural resources, and the citizens of North Carolina. However, these lands and infrastructure add more responsibly to a staff that has not change significantly since the reorganization in 2012.

## **LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS**

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by David Hoyle, the Commission approved the acquisition of the following property – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division (EXHIBIT D)*

- Rash Tract – Ashe County (**EXHIBIT D**)

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

## **RULEMAKING**

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10H .1601 – Controlled Rabbit Hunting Preserves** – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT E-1**) and, on a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Landon Zimmer, the Commission adopted rules for Controlled Rabbit Hunting Preserves (**EXHIBIT E-2**) presented by *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

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

**Permanent Rulemaking Readoption – Hunting & Trapping** – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT F-1**) and, on a motion by Steve Windham and second by Tom Berry, the Commission readopted 10B .0100, .0200, .0300, and .0400 rules (**EXHIBIT F-2**) presented by *Brad Howard*

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

**Permanent Rulemaking Readoption – Inland Fishing General Regulations** – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT G-1**) and, on a motion by David Hoyle and second by Landon Zimmer, the Commission readopted 10C .0200 rules (**EXHIBIT G-2**) presented by *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

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

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – Inland Fishing Regulations** – On a motion by Steve Windham and second by David Hoyle, the Commission approved the Fiscal Notes and publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed changes to joint 10C .0100 rules, 10C .0300 and 10C .0400 rules for inland waters and adopt new 10C .0700 and 10C .0800 rules to provide

clarity on inland game fish and hook and line fishing in joint and coastal waters presented by *Christian Waters* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3)

Exhibits H-1, H-2, H-3 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

On a motion by John Coley and second by Ray Clifton, the Commission approved the following water safety rules in (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, J-1, J-2, K-1, K-2, L-1, L-2, M, N, O, P, Q)

**Rulemaking Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 Stanly County–**, the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0317, for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the shoreline at Morrow Mountain State Park on Lake Tillery and technical changes to clarify text and itemize names and locations of Boating Access Areas on Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, and Tuckertown Reservoir presented by *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0323 Burke County** – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0323, for a no-wake zone within 50 yards on both sides of the Cove pedestrian bridge at Lake James State Park; and to codify the Paddy’s Creek Swim Area at Lake James State Park; and technical changes to clarify rule text and descriptions presented by *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 Pitt County** – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0354, for a no-wake zone at Barber Lake at Wildwood Park in the City of Greenville presented by *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0378 Halifax County** – The Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for a new Rule under 15A NCAC 10F .0378, for a no-wake zone at Roanoke Rapids Lake in Roanoke Rapids and itemization of Boating Access Area names and locations on Roanoke Rapids Lake, Roanoke River, and Lake Gaston in Halifax County presented by *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 Montgomery County** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for an amendment to remove a no-wake zone at a cove on Badin Lake at Lakeshore Drive; technical changes to clarify text and itemize and describe locations of Boating Access Areas on Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, and Tuckertown Reservoir presented by *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT M)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0333 Lake Wylie** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing

for a proposed amendment for a no-wake zone in a portion of Brown's Cove on Lake Wylie in Mecklenburg County presented by *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT N**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0336 Northampton and Warren counties** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments that incorporate Warren County no-wake zones on Lake Gaston from Rule 15A NCAC 10F .0318 into this Rule; and technical changes to clarify text and itemize names and locations of Boating Access Areas in Northampton and Warren counties on Lake Gaston and Roanoke River presented by *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT O**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0318 Warren County** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing to repeal 15A NCAC 10F .0318 presented by *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT P**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0312 Henderson County, Summit Lake** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing to repeal 15A NCAC 10F .0312 presented by *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT Q**)

**EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, J-1, J-2, K-1, K-2, L-1, L-2, M, N, O, P, Q** are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Crump announced as of yesterday afternoon the new Half Price 50+ Lifetime License sales hit one million dollars in revenue, and he explained Commissioners have received positive feedback from the public about this license opportunity. Crump expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that contributed to 2021 being a productive year. In closing, Crump stated “On behalf of the Wildlife Resources Commission he wishes all a Happy Holiday and New Year.”

**COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – Executive Director Ingram opened his comments with sharing the sad news of the passing of Professor Thomas J. Kwak. Tom's work contributed greatly to our understanding of North Carolina's fisheries resources, including Catfish ecology, movement of stocked trout, effects of water quality on fish, and nongame fish and mussel conservation. Next, he thanked Commissioner Seegars, Lisa Hocutt, and the Communication and Marketing Team for their collaboration and hard work on the Agency Overview. Commissioner Seegars and the Communication and Marketing Team spent countless hours updating the existing speaker's guide, so it can function as a resource for not only Commissioners but staff as well. In closing, Ingram reemphasized his appreciation for staff's dedication and professionalism each and every day supporting the mission of NCWRC.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 10:23 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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Monty Crump, Chairman

Date

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Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

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**NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**CAFR 52G - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in FUND BALANCES**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**AS OF DEC 31, 2021**

	FY 2022 General Fund	FY 2022 Capital Improvement Fund
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Federal funds	\$ 16,547,130.15	\$ 4,858,853.75
Local funds	\$ 1,419.89	\$ -
Investment earnings	\$ 12,602.42	\$ -
Sales and services	\$ 6,505,971.06	\$ -
Rental and lease of property	\$ 28,253.40	\$ -
Fees, licenses and fines	\$ 21,261,025.85	\$ -
Contributions, gifts and grants	\$ 640,627.74	\$ 4,855,974.06
Miscellaneous	\$ 30,344.58	\$ 2,734.38
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ 5,477.00	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Sale of capital assets	\$ 369,008.26	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Insurance recoveries	\$ 222,427.24	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Transfers in	\$ 1,799,873.22	\$ 1,944,885.28
Other Financing Sources - Appropriations	\$ 7,422,150.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 54,846,310.81</b>	<b>\$ 11,662,447.47</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Personal services	\$ 18,255,738.68	\$ -
Employee benefits	\$ 8,111,522.13	\$ -
Contracted personal services	\$ 6,355,352.55	\$ 94,610.06
Supplies and materials	\$ 4,125,042.75	\$ -
Travel	\$ 196,123.85	\$ -
Communication	\$ 799,894.19	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 327,534.11	\$ -
Data processing services	\$ 386,891.21	\$ -
Other services	\$ 2,171,992.81	\$ -
Claims and benefits	\$ 729,926.89	\$ -
Other fixed charges	\$ 143,339.99	\$ 400.00
Capital outlay	\$ 3,457,716.01	\$ 12,180,141.42
Grants, state aid and subsidies	\$ 1,147,238.22	\$ -
Insurance and bonding	\$ 14,700.26	\$ -
Other expenditures	\$ 1,162,001.85	\$ -
Reimbursements	\$ (236,069.90)	\$ -
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ 972,666.57	\$ -
Other Financing (Uses) - Transfers out	\$ 4,618,102.00	\$ 241,693.28
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 52,739,714.17</b>	<b>\$ 12,516,844.76</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,106,596.64</b>	<b>\$ (854,397.29)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 20,789,069.62</b>	<b>\$ 2,306,519.38</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - DEC 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 22,895,666.26</b>	<b>\$ 1,452,122.09</b>

# NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO

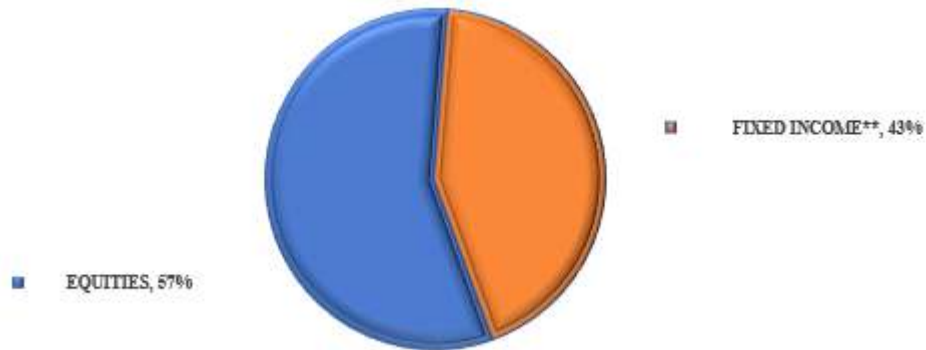
**Fund Balance\*: Dec 2021                      \$ 172,827,521.03**

\* Based On Financial Institutions' Data And Does Not Include Time-Lag Entries.

§ 143-250.1. Wildlife Endowment Fund

- (d) (3). No expenditure or disbursement shall be made from the principal of the Wildlife Endowment Fund except as otherwise provided by law.
- (d) (4). The income received and accruing from the investments of the Wildlife Endowment Fund must be spent only in furthering the conservation of wildlife resources and the efficient operation of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in accomplishing the purposes of the agency as set forth in G.S. 143-239.
- (g) The Wildlife Endowment Fund and the investment income therefrom shall not take the place of State appropriations or Agency receipts placed in the Wildlife Resources Fund, or any part thereof, but any portion of the income of the Wildlife Endowment Fund available for the purpose set out in subdivision (4) of subsection (d) shall be used to supplement other income of and appropriations to the Wildlife Resources Commission to the end that the Commission may improve and increase its services and become more useful to a greater number of people.

## ASSET ALLOCATION



\*\* Fixed Income Includes Short-Term And Long-Term Fixed Income Instruments

Fund	Principal	Non-Expendable	Expendable	Total***
Adult Lifetime Licenses	\$ 69,785,157.40		\$ 62,912,091.79	\$ 132,697,249.19
Magazine Subs Lifetime	\$ 1,573,477.50		\$ 1,688,259.53	\$ 3,261,737.03
Contributions	\$ 707,324.24		\$ 2,639,492.12	\$ 3,346,816.36
Diversity	\$ 49,591.29		\$ 12,949.88	\$ 62,541.17
Infant Lifetime Licenses	\$ 19,358,014.50	\$ 10,712,587.56		\$ 30,070,602.06
Youth Lifetime Licenses	\$ 2,625,085.00	\$ 831,184.22		\$ 3,456,269.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,098,649.93</b>	<b>\$ 11,543,771.78</b>	<b>\$ 67,252,793.32</b>	<b>\$ 172,895,215.03</b>

\*\*\* Include Deposit/s In Transit

# Exhibit C-1

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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Pisgah Creek Tract

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

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

Donation from Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

**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):**

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

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 40,500.00
Total Projected Revenue	\$

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
Land Acquisition Investigation Form

## Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Pisgah Creek Tract

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	7	Miles	\$1285.00	\$9000.00
Establish Parking Area	1			\$30,000.00
Install Gates	2		\$750.00	\$1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 40,500.00</b>

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



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<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	David Stewart
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	February 24, 2022
<b>Tract Name:</b>	Pisgah Creek Tract
<b>County:</b>	Haywood
<b>Acreage:</b>	488 acres
<b>Tax Value:</b>	\$789,400
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Hanni Muerdter
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

**Primary Purpose:**

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

**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 Acquisition:**

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

**Type of Parcel:**

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

**Grant Potential:**

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

**Owner Interest:**

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

**Tax Value:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

**Stewardship Considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	75/25	Match:

**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

**Additional Comments:**  
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) will acquire 411 high-elevation acres on Mount Pisgah and Pisgah Creek, a landscape important for natural heritage, and transfer the tract to NCWRC. SAHC also plans to transfer a 76 acre tract to NCWRC that they currently own. These two tracts make up the Pisgah Creek Tract.

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Tract Name:	Pisgah Creek
County:	Haywood County

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

The Pisgah Creek Tract contains approximately 488 acres. The property is located in Haywood County and is accessed from Pisgah Creek Road (SR-1888). The property adjoins Pisgah National Forest and is ranked as SAHC's highest priority tier for protection in its comprehensive land Protection Strategic Plan. The land is within the upper east fork Pigeon River watershed, an area significant for both terrestrial and freshwater habitats. Pisgah Creek and seven of its tributaries flow on the property. The tract contains a portion of the Mount Pisgah Natural Heritage Area, rated Exceptional. It is entirely within the Balsams Pisgah Priority Amphibian Reptile Conservation Area and ranks above-average for climate resiliency (The Nature Conservancy). It will add to a contiguous swath of high-elevation protected land, and is currently one of the largest unprotected anchors in the Wildlands Network priority wildlife corridor connecting Mount Pisgah to the Newfound Mountains, a corridor under particular threat due to its proximity to Asheville's expanding growth. The property is among the largest privately owned tracts in Haywood County. Important habitat types include high elevation red oak forest (orchard forest subtype), high elevation red oak forest (stunted woodland subtype), and high elevation red oak forest (typic herb subtype). NCWRC ownership of the Pisgah Creek Tract will also increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area such as the Pisgah National Forest, SAHC Lands, and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements that are located in the vicinity. In a broader sense, NCWRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership. Management objectives will focus on expanding on the management that is currently being implemented in the area. NCWRC ownership would ensure that critical habitat is conserved. NCWRC receives regular requests from the public for addition access points in the upper east fork of the Pigeon River/Cruso area, as there are very few locations the public can legally use to access the existing Pisgah National Forest Game Lands. Acquisition of the tract would provide a much-needed public access point, also unlocking access to the directly adjacent section of Pisgah National Forest which currently does not have public access in that area. The only public access to this section of USFS and is currently from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals. The Pisgah Creek Tract will make a great addition to the Game Land Program.

Tract Name	Pisgah Creek
Date	January 20, 2022
Staff Completing Form	David Stewart

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.889</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3

<b>Comments</b>
High biodiversity is based on a diversity of forest cover types and age classes, the diversity of wildlife, important waterways, and SGCN found on the property.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.889</b>
Size	1
Quality	3
Diversity	3
Rare/Important	3
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

<b>Comments</b>
The quality of the habitat on the tract is good, as is diversity. The properties provide good connectivity and buffer to Pisgah GL.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.667</b>
Hunting/Viewing	3
Fishing	3
Boating	0

<b>Comments</b>
The property provide excellent legal access to Pisgah GL.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.800</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	3
Fishing	3
Boating	0
Education	3

<b>Comments</b>
The property offer excellent hunting opportunity for wildlife uses, boating being the exception.

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.778</b>
Timber Harvest	1
Local Economy	3
Quality of Life	3

<b>Comments</b>
Some timber haravest opportunities may exist. This will provide benefit to the local economy and provide quality of life benefits to local residents.

<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>Comments</b>
Existing infrastructure includes old logging/skidder roads/trails.

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Species Restoration	3
Habitat Restoration	3
Access Improvement	3
Threat Mitigation	3

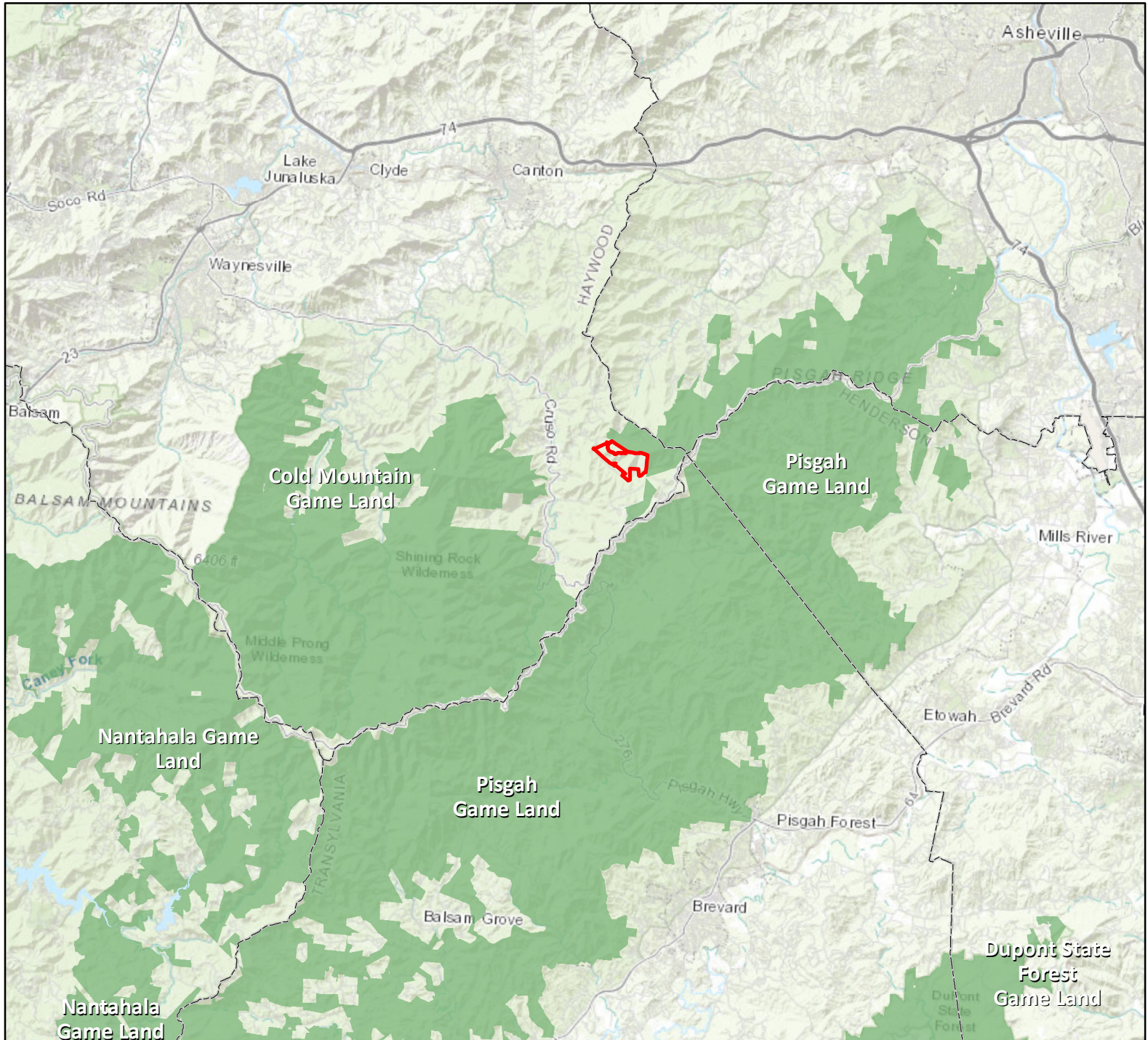
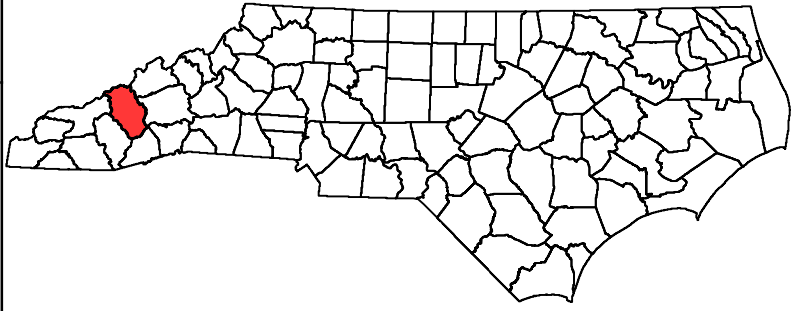
<b>Comments</b>

<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.467</b>
Number	1
Severity	3
Imminence	3
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

<b>Comments</b>
Within the past twenty years lower portions of the property were used for surface rock extraction of the boulderfield rocks, and future surface rock mining of the sensitive habitat is at risk if the property is unprotected. Development is also a high-risk threat fs the tract is not protected. Acqitition would prevent the threats and cost (donation) would not be an issue.

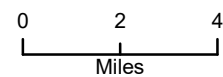
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>5.422</b>
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**Pisgah Creek Tract  
Haywood County  
488 Acres**

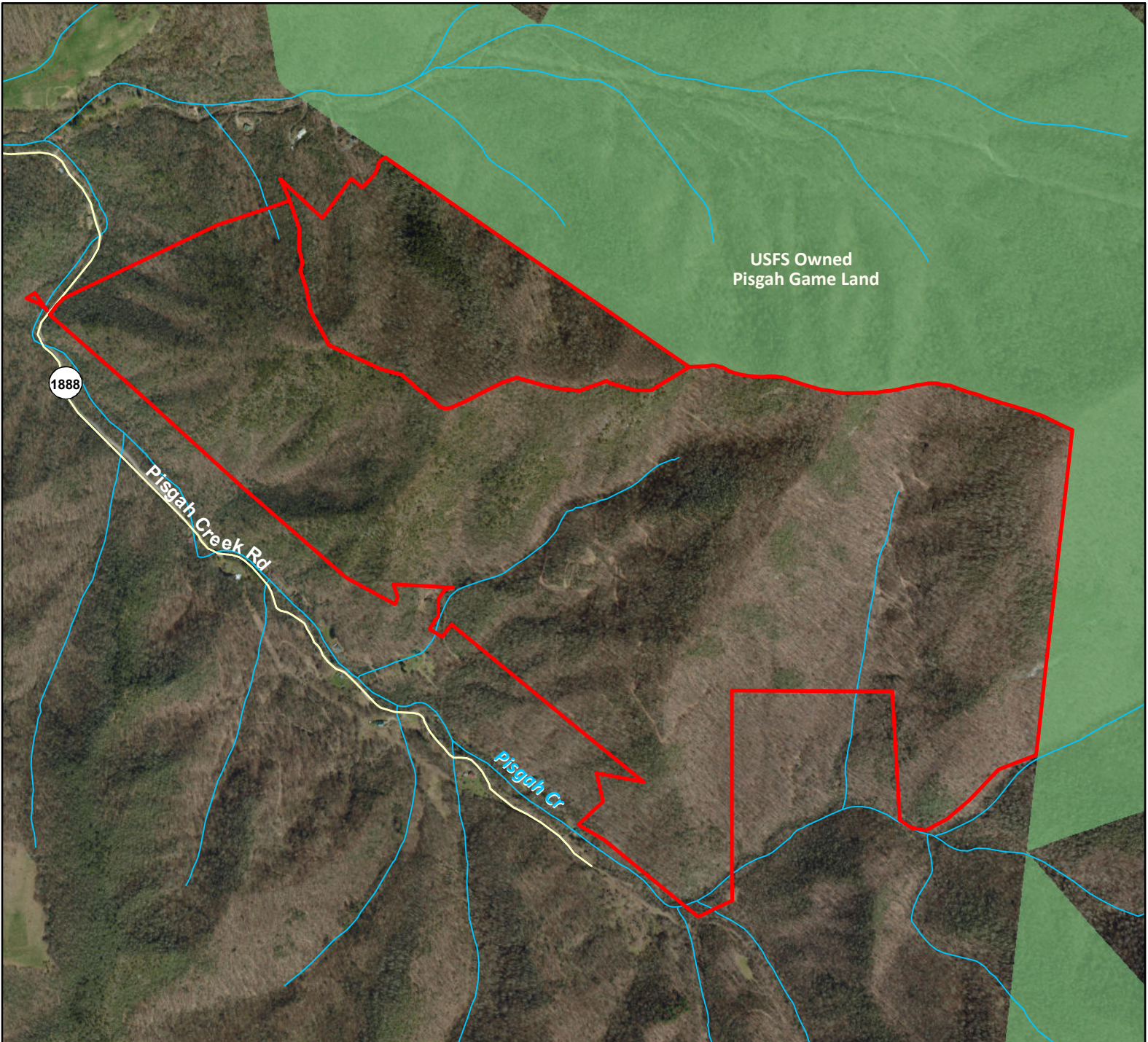
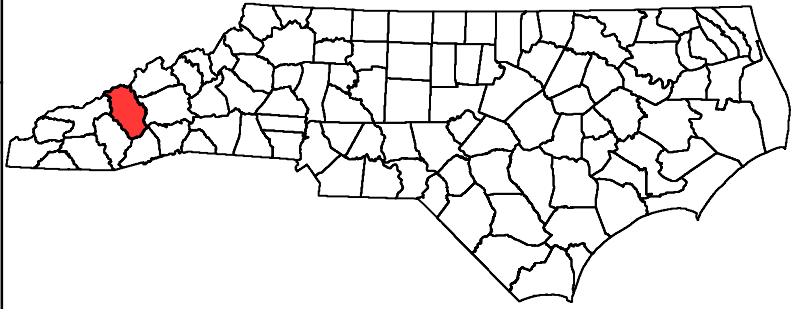


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- Pisgah Creek Tracts
- Game Land

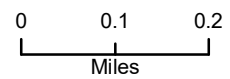


**Pisgah Creek Tract  
Haywood County  
488 Acres**



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-  Pisgah Creek Tracts
-  Game Land



# Exhibit C-2

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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition

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

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

Donation from NC 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):**

<b>Total Stewardship Expenditures</b>	\$ 3,810.90
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	\$ 0

# Exhibit C-2

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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

#### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	13.04	Mile	\$150	\$1,956
Boundary Maintenance- (Year 4)	13.04	Mile	\$135.00	\$1,760.40
Boundary Removal	0.7	Mile	\$135.00	\$94.50
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 3,810.90</b>

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
None				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 0</b>

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 Land Acquisition Investigation Form  
 – PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	David Turner
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	February 2, 2022
<b>Tract Name:</b>	000 a 00 a 0 0 a e 0ad 0dd00
<b>County:</b>	Bertie and Hertford
<b>Acres:</b>	FIA Tract - 766 acres by survey, Perry - 495 acres reported
<b>Tax Value:</b>	FIA Tract \$122,329, Perry Tract- no data available
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	Coastal Land Trust
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

**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 type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (NC EEP/NAWCA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

**Tax Value:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

**Funding Considerations:**

<input checked="" 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:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	75/25	Match:

**Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?**

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

**Additional Comments:**

The NC Coastal Land Trust is seeking to donate two tracts of land to the State for inclusion into the Chowan Swamp Game Land. The FIA tract is now owned by the NC Coastal Land Trust and fronts over 1.6 miles of Keel Creek and 2.6 miles of the Chowan River. The Perry tract will be parceled out of 5 different tracts. The Perry et al. tract will share a common boundary with the Bertie County portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land. Both tracts will be surveyed and marked. Public access to both tracts will be by boat. There is legal and physical access to the FIA tract across adjacent privately-owned land to S.R. 1441 for administrative use.



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Land Acquisition Investigation Form

– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

Tract Name: Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition

County: Bertie and Hertford

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

Both tracts lie within the Colerain/Cow Island Swamp and Slopes Natural Heritage Area classified as having high ecological significance and are adjacent to the Chowan River Aquatic Habitat having very high ecological significance. The FIA tracts average Biodiversity Relative Conservation Values of 8.24 (0- low-10 high values). Both parcels are largely cypress-gum floodplain forests and tidal swamp forests. Both tracts are part of the National Audubon Society's Chowan River Bottomlands Global Important Bird Area. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries recognizes the Chowan River and Keep Creek as anadromous fish spawning areas and both are nominated as strategic habitat areas.

Tract Name	<b>Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition</b>
Date	<b>January 25, 2022</b>
Staff Completing Form	<b>David Turner</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>
At least 24 Species of Greatest Conservation Need were identified as possibly occurring in habitats on or in the river adjacent to the tract. Included are prothonotary warbler, bald eagle, Rafinesque's big-eared bat, and greater siren. Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon may occupy the river. Bear use the site, especially in the fall feeding on swamp black gum berries. The forested habitats are important for neo-tropical migrant songbirds. Deer numbers would be extremely low due to the perennial wet nature of the swamp habitats.

<b>Habitat</b>	<b>0.778</b>
Size	2
Quality	3
Diversity	1
Rare/Important	2
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

<b>Comments</b>
The tract consists of mature cypress-gum swamp and wind driven tidal wetlands. The Perry et al. tract will be contiguous to a 451-acre tract of the Chowan Swamp Game Land.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.778</b>
Hunting/Viewing	1
Fishing	3
Boating	3

<b>Comments</b>
Public access to either tract is by boat only. The two closest Boating Access Areas are Cannons Ferry, 3 miles to the northeast and Gatesville, 10 miles upstream.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.400</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	2
Fishing	0
Boating	0
Education	1

<b>Comments</b>
Fishing along both tracts regularly occur. Waterfowl hunting Keel Creek is popular. Some hunters will pursue squirrels and bear along the shoreline by boat.

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.111</b>
Timber Harvest	0
Local Economy	0
Quality of Life	1

<b>Comments</b>
The entire tract is classified as cypress-gum swamp and tidal wetland. As a general policy, the NCWRC does not cut this type of habitat. Users will need a boat to reach either site limiting some from using them.

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.467</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	0
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	3
Proximity to Users	1

<b>Comments</b>
There are no roads on the tract. This score is reduced by the fact that access is by boat only restricting use by some.

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.250</b>
Species Restoration	0
Habitat Restoration	0
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	3

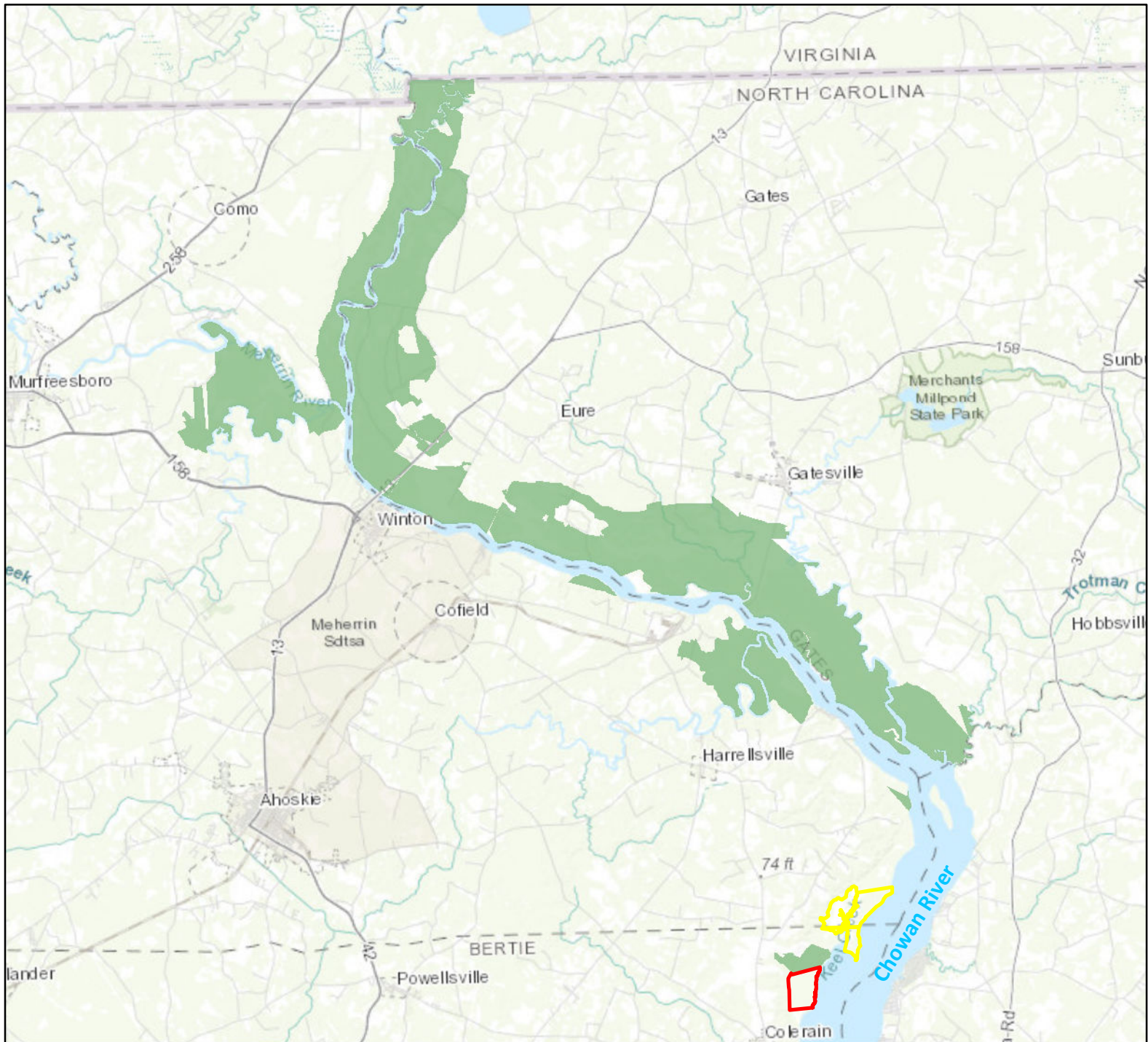
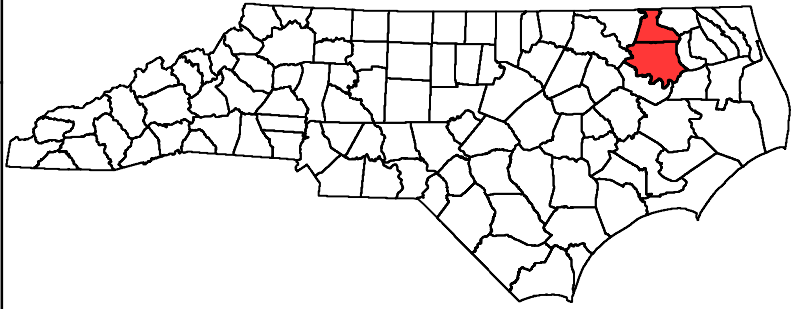
<b>Comments</b>
The mature cypress-gum swamps are providing habitat for neo-tropical migrants associated with that type of habitat. The only threat to the habitat would be if the land was not acquired and the landowners were to timber it.

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

<b>Comments</b>
The FIA tract is owned by NC Coastal Land Trust. NC Coastal Land Trust is expected to close on the Perry et al. Tract in June of 2022. Therefore, no threats to habitat loss is noted. The threat of sea-level rise in the long term may impact the habitat type that is presently there.

<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>3.376</b>
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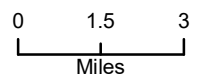
# Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition Bertie and Hertford County 1,172 Total Acres



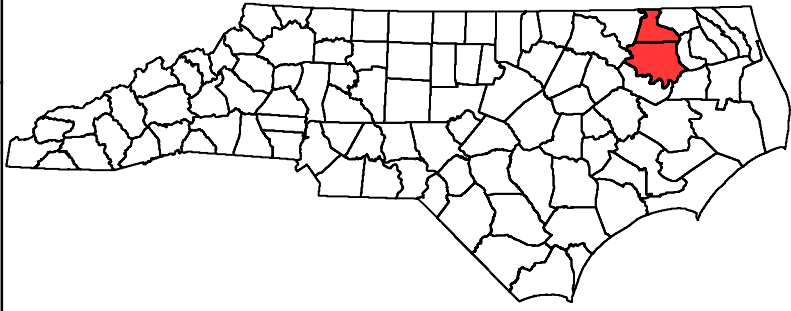
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- FIA Tract - 777 ac.
- Perry Tract - 395 ac.


Chowan Swamp Game Land




# Chowan Swamp Game Land Addition Bertie and Hertford County 1,172 Total Acres

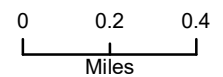


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 FIA Tract - 777 ac.

 Game Land

 Perry Tract - 395 ac.



# Exhibit C-3

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## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Cape Fear DV Tract

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** July 28, 2021

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

NFWF Coal Ash Funds	\$257,000
Enviva Forest Conservation Fund grant	\$58,000
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$315,000</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
State Property Office	Daniel Glenn	December 2021	\$300,000

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

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

*Wildlife Restoration Funds – 75% federal: 25% state*

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

<b>Total Stewardship Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,905.00</b>
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

# Exhibit C-3

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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: Cape Fear DV Tract

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	3.0	Mile	\$500	\$1,500
Boundary Maintenance – (year 4)	3.0	Mile	\$135	\$405
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,905</b>

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

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<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	Chesley Ward
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	July 2021
<b>Tract Name:</b>	Cape Fear DV Tract
<b>County:</b>	Pender
<b>Acreage:</b>	296.00
<b>Tax Value:</b>	\$367,395
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	Canetuck Farms LLC
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

**Primary Purpose:**

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

**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 Acquisition:**

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

**Type of Parcel:**

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

**Grant Potential:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCLWF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAWCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enviva

**Owner Interest:**

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

**Tax Value:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	2021	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	No	PUV?

**Stewardship Considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	75/25	Match:

**Funding Considerations:**

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

**Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?**

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

**Recommendation:**

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

**Additional Comments:**

**February 24, 2022**  
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**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

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**Tract Name:** Cape Fear DV Tract  
**County:** Pender

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

The Cape Fear DV Tract is a +/- 296-acre property in Pender County that is almost entirely made up of cypress-tupelo swamp forest and bottomland hardwoods. Only 14 acres of upland habitat exists on the property. It has water frontage on three sides consisting of approximately 5,200 feet of Lyon Creek on the north side, 6,000 feet of Thoroughfare Creek on the east side, and 1,500 feet of the Cape Fear River on the south side. It lies across Thoroughfare Creek from the Roan Island Tract of Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land. Protection of the Cape Fear DV Tract will expand on adjacent game land opportunities and help buffer the adjacent Lower Black River Swamp State Natural Area, which is rated as exceptional by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program.

259 acres of cypress-tupelo swamp received a clear cut timber harvest in the summer of 2005 and have naturally regenerated since then. There are 23 acres of general bottomland hardwoods that are 80 years old. The remaining 14 acres of mixed hardwood and pine were also cut in 2005.

This tract fits well into the regional conservation work that WRC and partners have conducted for many years in this part of North Carolina. Acquisition of this property will protect and improve flood resiliency and provide space for future wetland migration as tidal saline wetlands move from impacts of sea level rise.

WRC biologists have identified 63 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that are very likely to use this property and would benefit from its protection. Although not SGCN, all the anadromous fish species that occur in the Cape Fear River Basin (Atlantic Sturgeon, American Shad, Blueback Herring, Striped Bass) utilize the Cape Fear River and Thoroughfare Creek at this location.



Tract Name	Cape Fear DV Tract
Date	February 1, 2022
Staff Completing Form	Chesley Ward

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.630</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	1
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	1
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	2

<b>Comments</b>
Because the acres are few and most the tract is seasonally flooded and/or extremely wet, scores for the terrestrial metric are low. Wetland and aquatic species and diversity scored higher because of the swamp forest habitat on the tract and the adjacent river and creeks. Game species are likely limited due to it's habitat types.

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

<b>Comments</b>
Protection of the Cape Fear DV Tract will help buffer the adjacent Lower Black River Swamp State Natural Area, which is rated as exceptional by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program. It lies directly across Thoroughfare Creek from the Roan Island Tract of Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land.

<b>Public Access</b>	<b>0.222</b>
Hunting/Viewing	1
Fishing	1
Boating	0

<b>Comments</b>
Public access would be by boat only with hunting opportunities managed like the adjacent Roan Island tract, which has proven to be very popular. Fishing opportunities exist only from the river or creek bank. No boating opportunities exist on the tract.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.267</b>
Hunting	1
Viewing	1
Fishing	1
Boating	0
Education	1

<b>Comments</b>
Due to the wet nature of habitat on this tract and poor access, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and educational uses are limited.

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

<b>Comments</b>
Poor access and wetland habitats result in low scores for these metrics. WRC would not be conducting timber harvests on this tract.

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.333</b>
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	1
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	0
Proximity to Users	1

<b>Comments</b>
There is only one short access road into the property that comes from private property. Surrounding lands are similar in type and use.

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

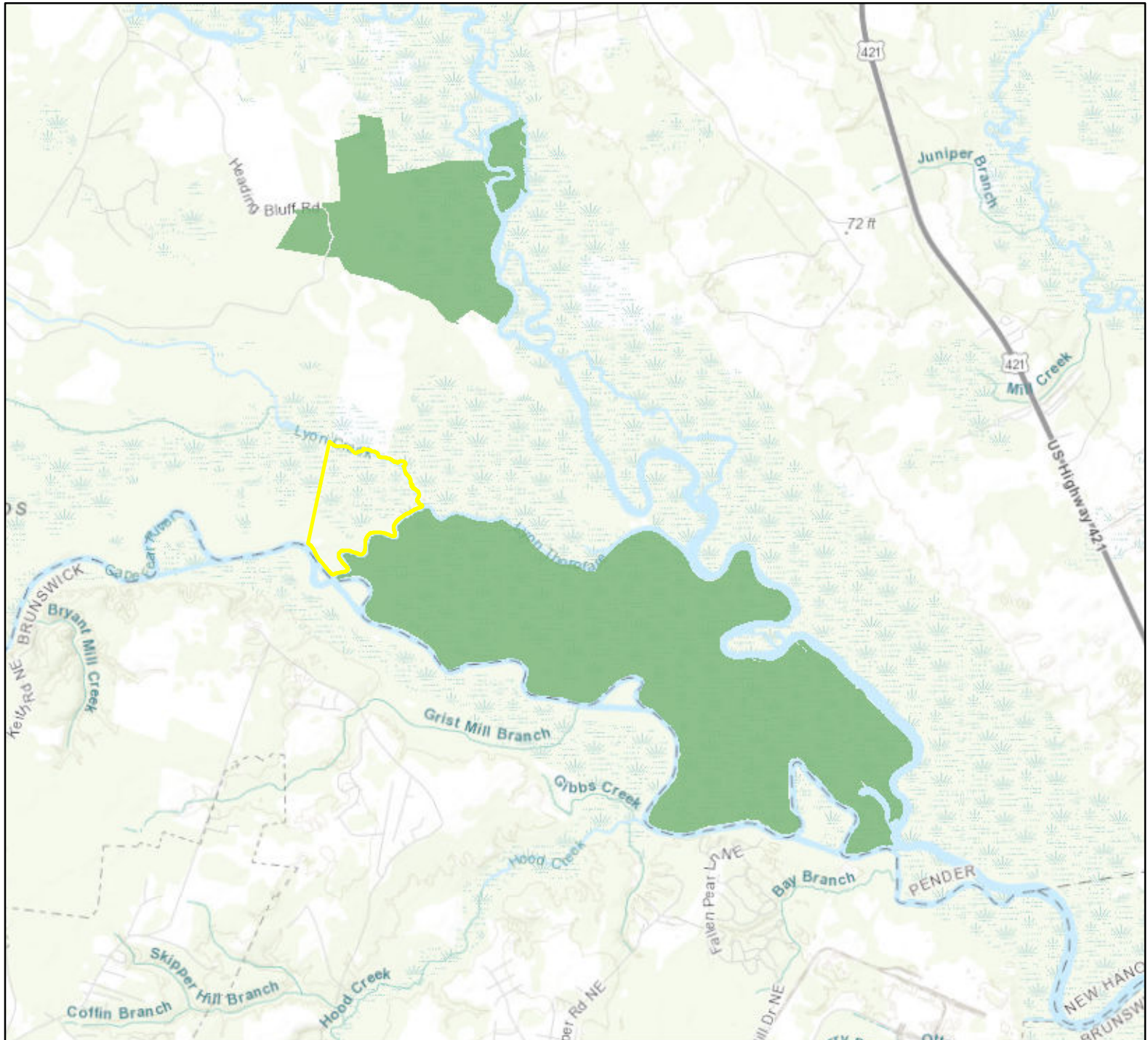
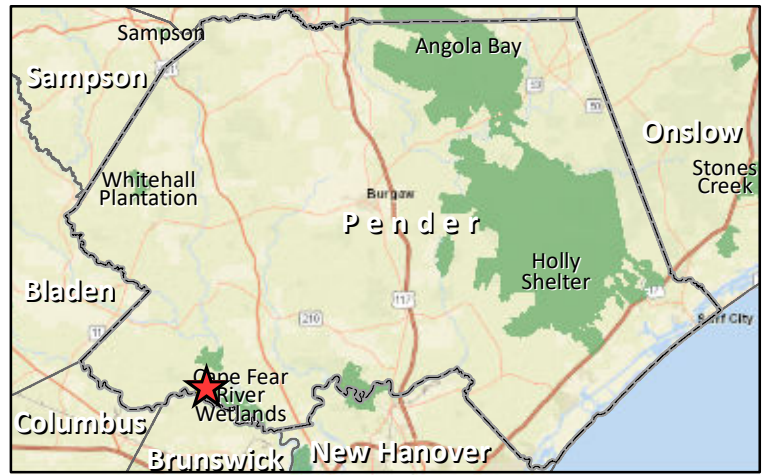
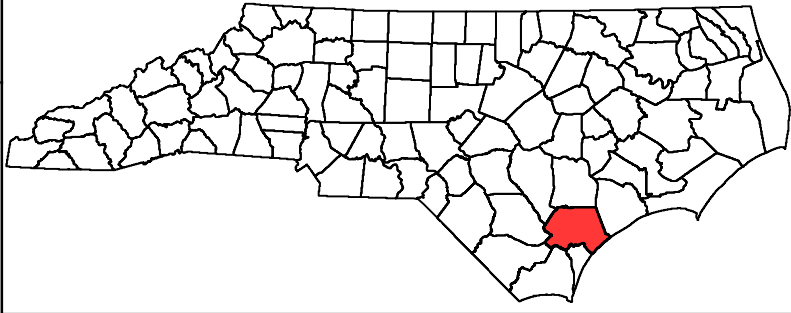
<b>Comments</b>
+/- 273 acres were logged 16 years ago. These acres can be greatly improved by allowing natural processes to occur. The threat of future shovel logging will be mitigated, which will improve resilience to flooding.

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



<b>Comments</b>
All the river frontage contains mature bottomland hardwood and cypress-gum swamp forest. The threat of additional shovel logging of these acres will be avoided upon acquisition.

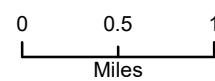
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>2.769</b>
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**Cape Fear DV Tract  
Pender County  
+/- 296 Acres**

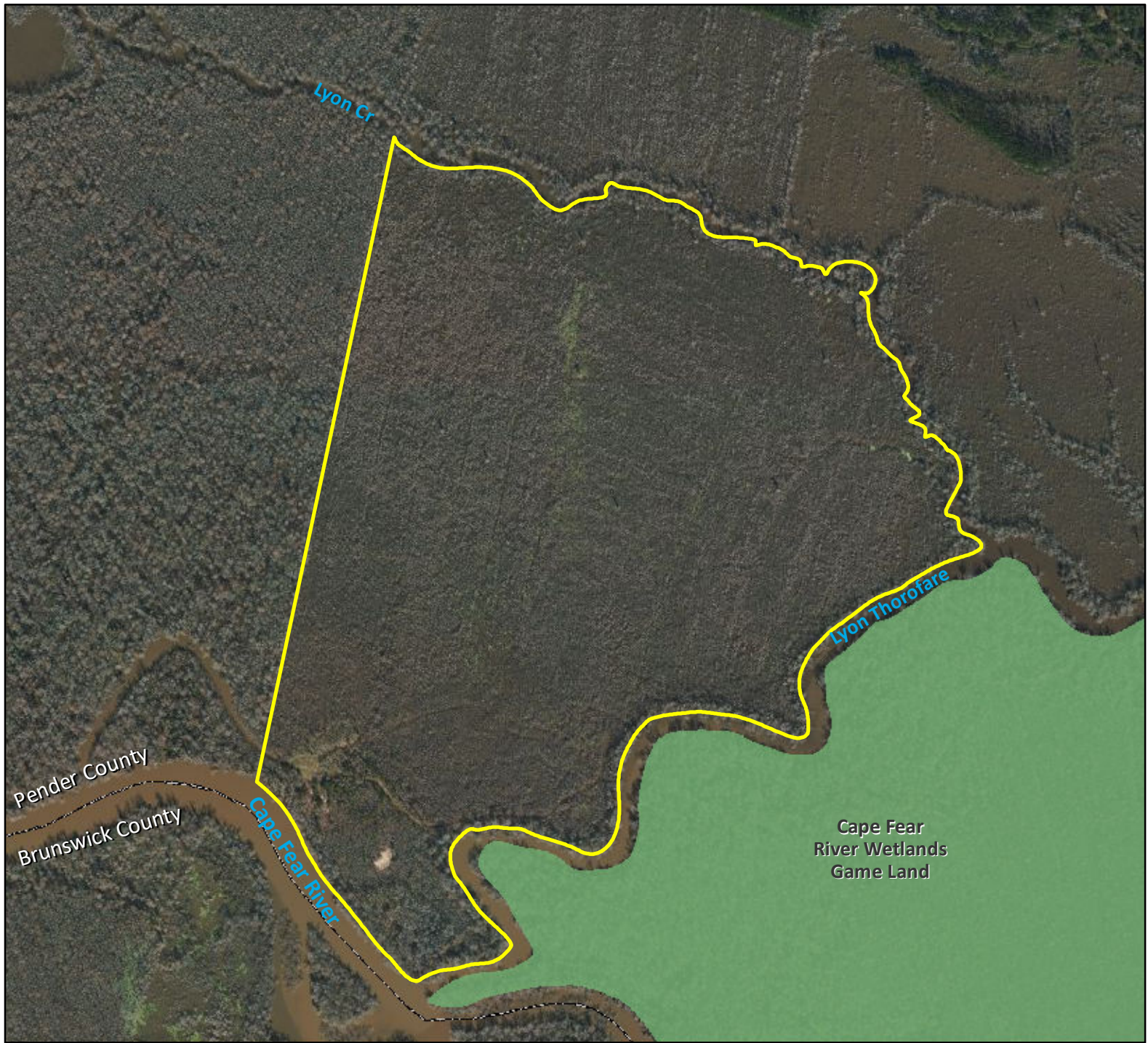
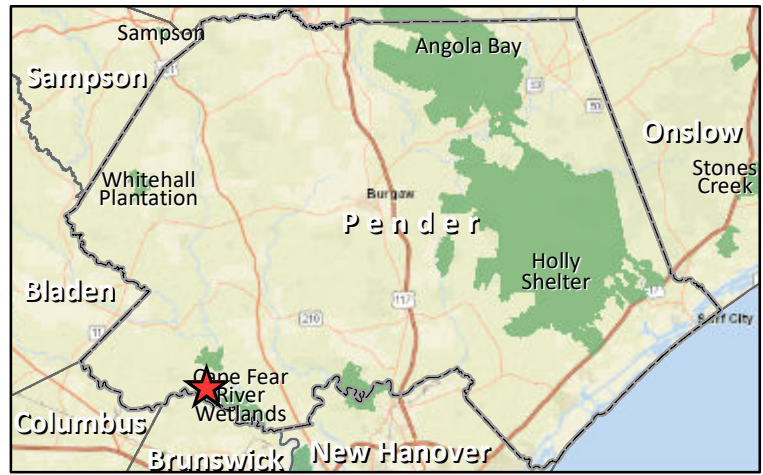
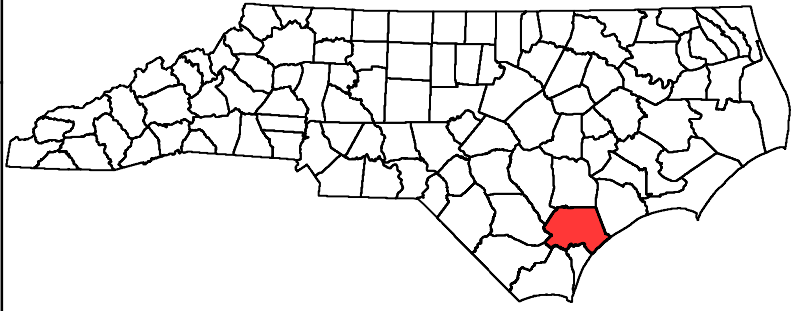


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-  Cape Fear DV Tract
-  Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land

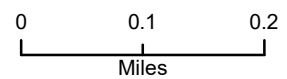


**Cape Fear DV Tract  
Pender County  
+/- 296 Acres**



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 Cape Fear DV Tract



# Exhibit C-4

February 24, 2022

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

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**Tract Name:** Snelson Tract

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

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

Land and Water Fund	\$500,000
Wildlife Restoration Funds	\$250,000
<u>Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
TOTAL COST	\$1,000,000

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

**If Yes, Explain Details:**

Total cost is \$156,160 less than appraised value.

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

**If Yes, Describe in Table:**

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
State Property Office	CDN Appraisal Inc	December 14, 2021	1,156,160

**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	\$ 11,900.00
Total Projected Revenue	\$ 0

# Exhibit C-4

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
Land Acquisition Investigation Form

## Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

### Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Snelson Tract

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	1	Miles	\$400.00	\$400.00
Establish Parking Area	1			\$10,000.00
Install Gates	2		\$750.00	\$1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 11,900.00</b>

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

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

<b>WRC Staff Contact:</b>	David Stewart
<b>Date First Presented to Commission:</b>	October 2021
<b>Tract Name:</b>	Donnie Snelson Tract/Sandy Mush Game Land
<b>County:</b>	Madison
<b>Acreage:</b>	2 acre
<b>Tax Value:</b>	
<b>Property Owner/Representative:</b>	Donna McMahan
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

**Primary Purpose:**

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

**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 Acquisition:**

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

**Type of Parcel:**

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

**Grant Potential:**

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

**Owner Interest:**

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

**Tax Value:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

**Stewardship Considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match:

**Funding Considerations:**

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

**Recommendation:**

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

**Additional Comments:**

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**February 24, 2022**  
**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**  
**n Land Acquisition Investigation Form**  
**– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –**

**County:**

Donnie Snelson Tract Sandy Mush Game Land
Madison County

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

The Donnie Snelson Tract contains approximately 66 acres and is located in Madison County adjacent to Sandy Mush Game Land. The property is accessed from Ramsey Snelson Road . The property is actively farmed and 39 acres of the property is currently in early successional habitat in the form of pasture. Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the mountain Eco region. NCWRC ownership of the Donnie Snelson Tract will increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area such as the Sandy Mush Game Land, Pisgah National Forest, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy Lands, and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements that are located in the vicinity. In a broader sense, NCWRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership. Management objectives will focus on expanding on the management that is currently being implemented on Sandy Mush Game Land. NCWRC ownership would ensure that critical habitats are conserved. Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, bird watching, wildlife photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, rabbit and quail, as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals. More specifically, acquisition of the property is important for access to the Madison County side of Sandy Mush Game Land. This section of game land is 160 acres and the only public access is from the Buncombe County side of the game land, from the Cedar Hill parking area. From the parking area, there is a 1.1 mile hike down a old farm road to the intersection of Sandy Mush Creek and the French Broad River. From this intersection, there is a walk down a railroad track and across the trussell over Sandy Mush Creek, which is dangerous and illegal due to trespassing on the tracks. Some game land users have floated across the French Broad River to gain access. As for NCWRC access, access is currently limited to 2 access points via a gentleman’s agreement. One is the Donnie Snelson Tract and the other is an adjoining property. Currently, both accesses are limited to 4X4 equipment only. The terrain on the property next to the Donnie Snelson Tract is very steep while the Donnie Snelson property has a good road system. However, access is limited due to livestock damage to the road. This damage can be easily fixed if the livestock is removed. These access issues have limited any major habitat work projects. Current projects on the Madison County side of Sandy Mush includes 7.4 acres of native warm season grass plantings and 2.5 acres of food plots. There is 23 acres of additional ESH available. The NWSG has been burned while the food plots are currently maintained in perennial crops. Other projects on this side of the game land include maintaining the following types of nest structures: barn owl, kestrel, songbird, and wood duck. Wood ducks have also been trapped/banded on this side of the game land. Also, there are several potential burning blocks up to 130 acres if proper equipment can get to this side of the game land. It is important to note that the Madison County side of Sandy Mush does get some hunting pressure with good numbers of deer and turkey. There are grouse and woodcock on this this side of the game land, however, quail and rabbit seem to be declining due to limited management options. Another important note regarding access across the Donnie Snelson Tract is that it will provide access to the Sandy Mush Creek Gorge Natural Area.

Tract Name	Donnie Snelson Tract - Sandy Mush Game Land
Date	October 5, 2021
Staff Completing Form	David Stewart

<b>Species</b>	<b>0.333</b>
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	1
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0

<b>Comments</b>
Moderate biodiversity is based on a diversity of cover types and age classes, and the diversity of wildlife found on the property.

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

<b>Comments</b>
The quality of the habitat on the tract is good, as is diversity. The property provides great connectivity and buffer to Sandy Mush GL.

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

<b>Comments</b>
The property provide excellent legal access to Sandy Mush GL. This tract provides access to a portion of GL that borders the French Broad River.

<b>Wildlife Uses</b>	<b>0.400</b>
Hunting	3
Viewing	2
Fishing	0
Boating	0
Education	1

<b>Comments</b>
The property offer excellent hunting opportunity as well as some opportunity for wildlife viewing. Educational opportunities will be low. No significant water is located on the tract, so there is no fishing/boating opportunity. But, this tract provides access to a section of GL that bouders the French Broad River.

<b>Other Values</b>	<b>0.667</b>
Timber Harvest	1
Local Economy	2
Quality of Life	3

<b>Comments</b>
This tract will provide some benefit to the local economy and provide a better quality of life benefits to local residents.

<b>Feasibility &amp; Logistics</b>	<b>0.867</b>
Existing Infrastructure	2
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	3
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	2
Proximity to Users	3

<b>Comments</b>
The tract has existing roads that may be improved for access and/or wildlife habitat. Conflicts among game land users and adjoiners should be minimal. The tract brings current State ownership to DOT maintained roads and will provide needed public access. The tract is in good proximity to GL users.

<b>Restoration/Mitigation Potential</b>	<b>0.917</b>
Species Restoration	2
Habitat Restoration	3
Access Improvement	3
Threat Mitigation	3

<b>Comments</b>
Restoration and habitat management potential on the tract is good. A new public access can be developed on the tract, thus the rank is high.

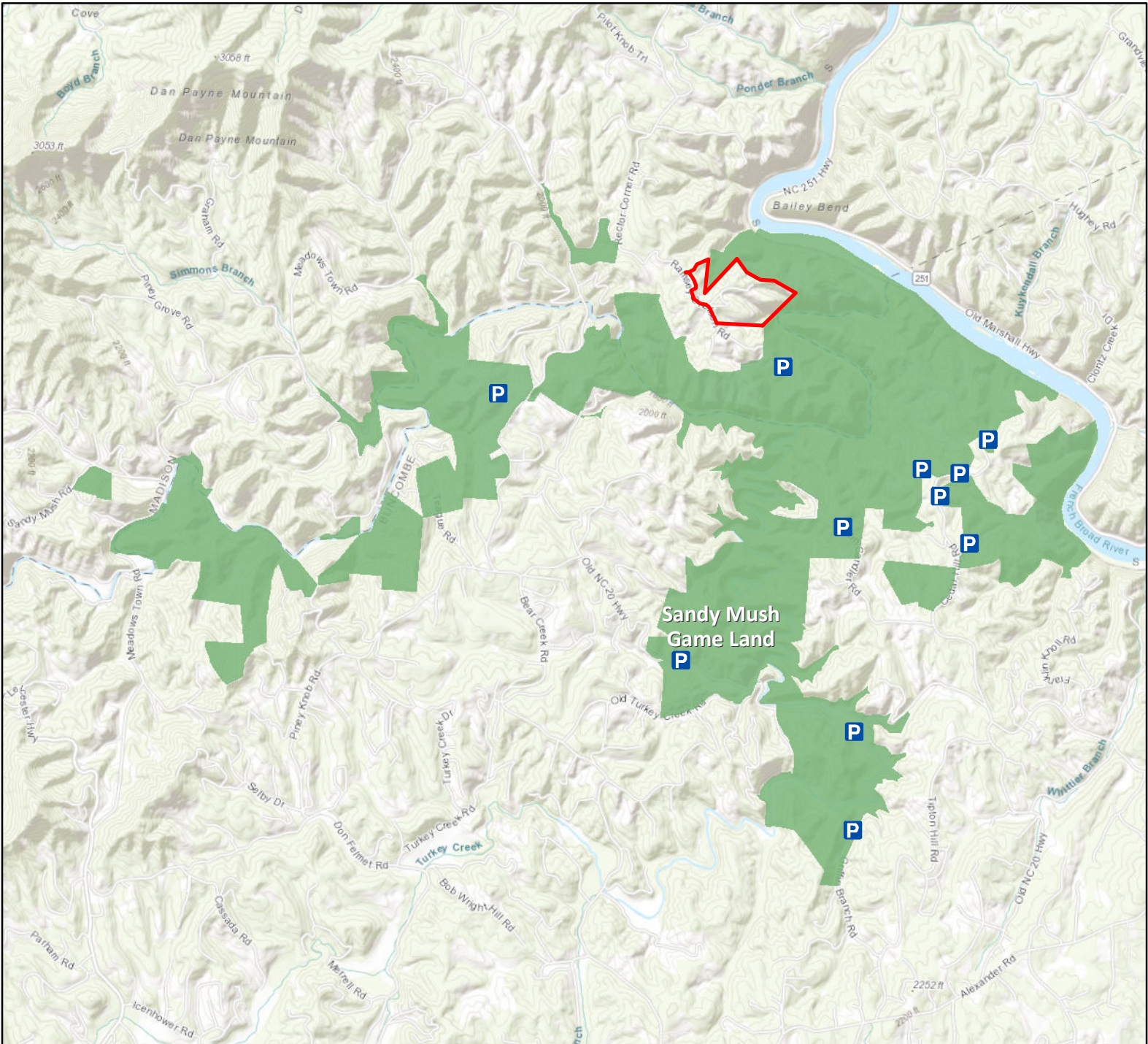
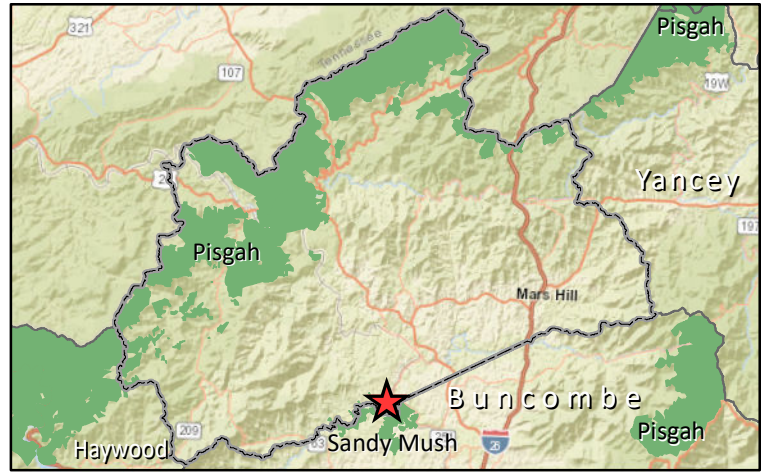
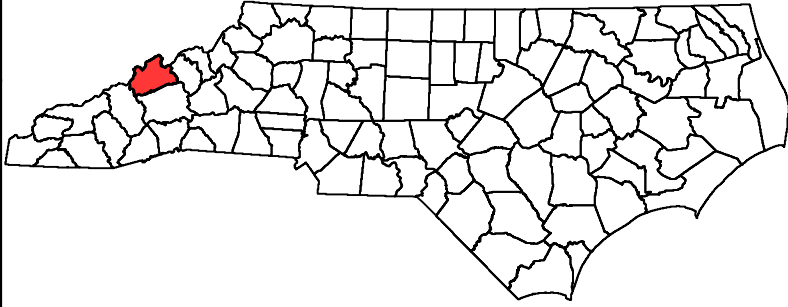
<b>Threats</b>	<b>0.533</b>
Number	2
Severity	3
Imminence	3
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0



<b>Comments</b>
The biggest threat in this area is loss of habitat due to residential development. Acquistion of the property would stop that threat on this tract.

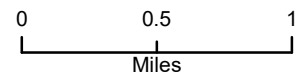
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>3.594</b>
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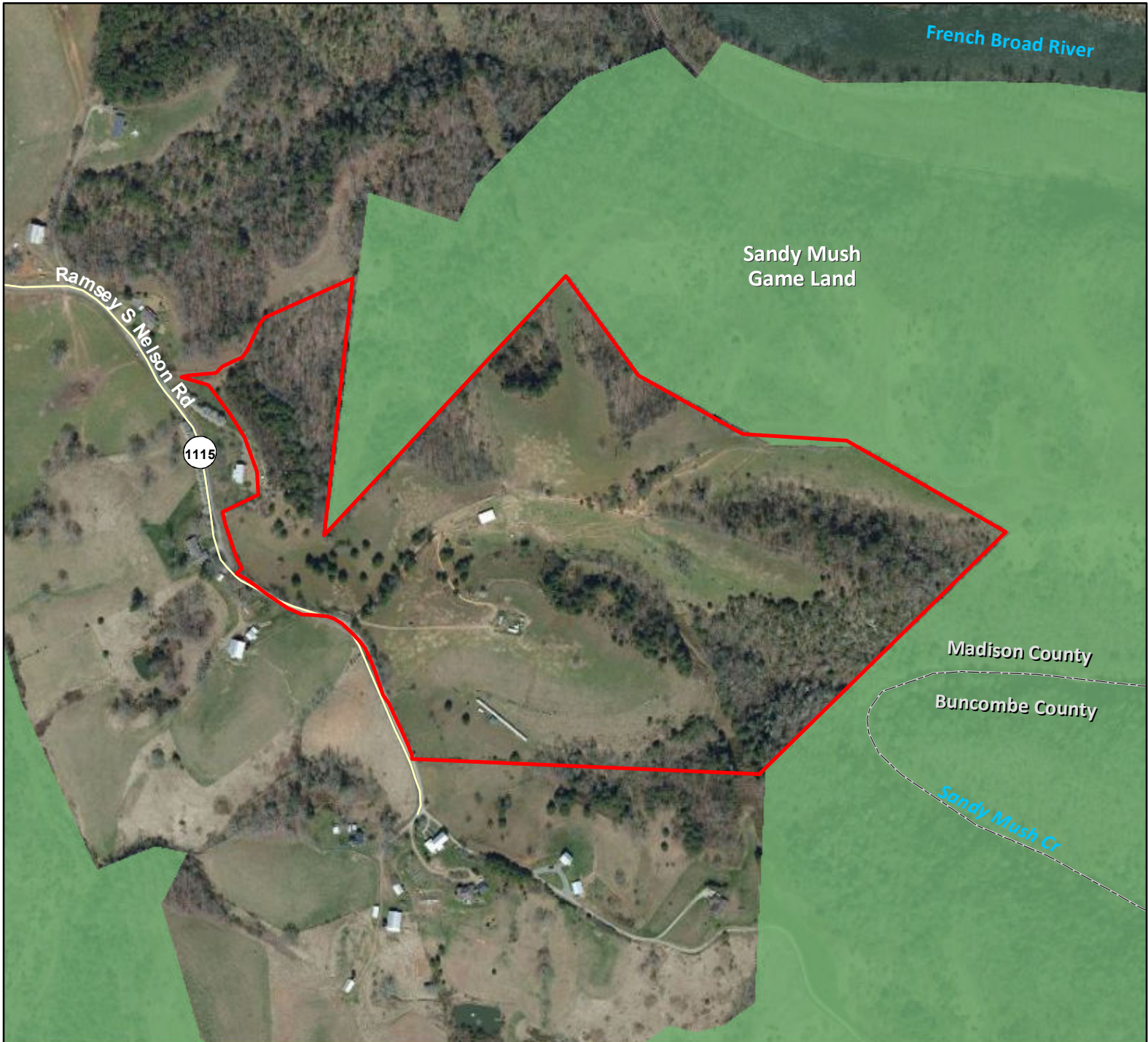
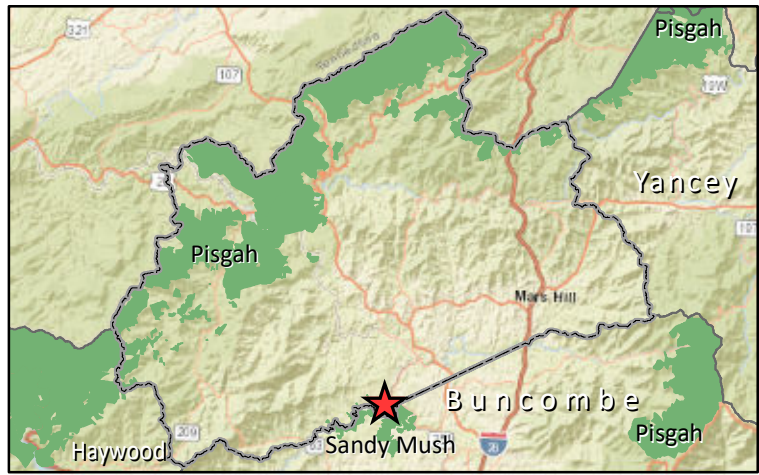
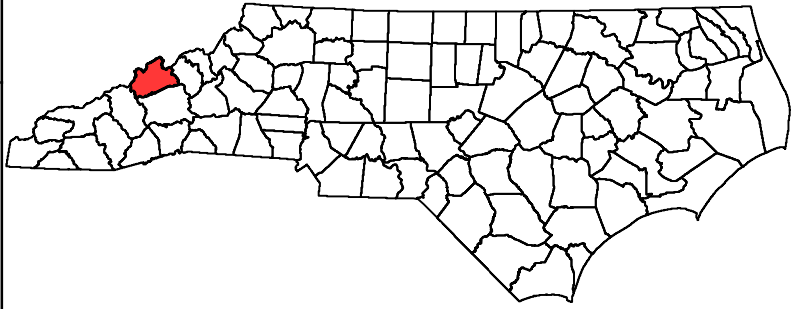
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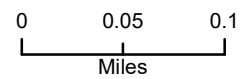
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**Donnie Snelson Tract  
Madison County  
72 Acres**



-  Donnie Snelson Tract
-  Game Land



# EXHIBIT D-1

February 24, 2022



## Public Comments for 15A NCAC 10F .0201 Safety Equipment Rule

Position	Comment
Disagree	I want no personal life jacket rules. The incidence of drowning versus the number of boaters is insignificant. Why should we all be punished and forced to wear life jackets because of the ignorance of a few. I've been boating 47 years and I've never had an issue. I'm tired of being treated like a child. Life jackets are a personal choice period and should not be mandated.

One public hearing was held on December 16, 2021.

# **EXHIBIT D-2**

**February 24, 2022**



## **Proposed Amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .201 Safety Equipment Rule Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption**

The personal flotation device type code must be removed from state laws, regulations, and rules to be in compliance with Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart B Part 175.

*10F .201 Safety Equipment (pg. 2-5)*

**15A NCAC 10F .0201 SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

(a) All vessels subject to the rules of this Section shall meet the vessel equipment requirements set forth in G.S. 75A-6(n), 46 CFR 25, and 33 CFR 175. 46 CFR 25 and 33 CFR 175 are incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, and can be found free of charge online at [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov). Notwithstanding the federal regulations incorporated in this Paragraph, Paragraphs (b) through (g) shall apply to vessels operating in State waters. To the extent these vessel equipment requirements conflict with the incorporated federal regulations, federal regulations shall supersede any and all State laws or regulations.

(b) Personal flotation devices (PFDs) shall be required as follows:

(1) No person may operate a vessel unless, for each person on the vessel, at least one ~~Type I, II, or III~~ U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD is on board and readily accessible. Any U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD may be carried to meet the requirement, provided:

(A) the approved label for the PFD indicates that the device is approved for the activity for which the vessel is being used; or

(B) the PFD is used in accordance with the requirements on the approval label and with the requirements in its owner's manual.

(2) No person shall operate a vessel 16 feet or more in length unless one ~~type IV~~ U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable PFD is on board and immediately available for use, in addition to the total number of PFDs required in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

(3) No person shall operate a vessel while the vessel is underway with any child under 13 years old aboard unless each child is:

(A) wearing an appropriate PFD approved by the U.S. Coast Guard;

(B) below decks; or

(C) in an enclosed cabin.

This Subparagraph shall not apply to a vessel that is registered as a commercial vessel.

~~(4) A Type V PFD may be carried in lieu of any PFD required under Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph provided:~~

~~(A) the approval label for the Type V PFD indicates that the device is approved for the activity for which the vessel is being used; or~~

~~(B) the Type V PFD is used in accordance with the requirements on the approval label and with the requirements in its owner's manual.~~

~~(5)~~(4) No person shall operate a vessel unless each required PFD is:

(A) in serviceable condition;

(B) of appropriate size and fit for the intended wearer;

(C) United States Coast Guard approved; and

(D) legibly marked with its approval number, as specified in 46 CFR 25 Uninspected Vessels, Requirements and 33 CFR 175 Personal Flotation Devices.

~~(6)~~(5) Exemptions shall apply as follows:

- (A) Canoes and kayaks 16 feet in length and over shall be exempted from the requirements for carriage of the additional ~~Type IV~~ U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable PFD as specified in Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule.
- (B) Sailboards, surfboards, tubes, swimming rafts, inflatable toys, and similar devices used as water toys or swimming aids shall be exempted from the requirements for carriage of any PFD required under this Paragraph.
- (C) Manually propelled vessels such as racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing kayaks that are recognized by national and international racing associations for use in competitive racing, that are not designed to carry any equipment not solely for competitive racing, and in which all occupants with the with exception of a coxswain, if one is present, row, scull, or paddle, shall be exempted from the requirements for carriage of any type PFD required under this Paragraph.

(c) Fire Extinguishers shall be required as follows:

- (1) All motorboats shall carry at least the minimum number of USCG-approved hand portable fire extinguishers specified in this Rule if:
  - (A) the motorboat has closed compartments under thwarts and seats in which portable fuel tanks may be stored;
  - (B) the motorboat has double bottoms that are not sealed to the hull or that are not completely filled with flotation material;
  - (C) the motorboat has closed living spaces;
  - (D) the motorboat has closed stowage compartments in which combustible or flammable materials are stowed;
  - (E) the motorboat has permanently installed fuel tanks; or
  - (F) the motorboat is Class 2 or longer.
- (2) Class A and Class 1 Motorboats less than 26 feet in length shall carry one Type B-I extinguisher.
- (3) Class 2 Motorboats shall carry two Type B-I extinguishers.
- (4) Class 3 Motorboats shall carry three Type B-I extinguishers.
- (5) One Type B-II hand held fire extinguisher may be substituted for two B-I hand portable fire extinguishers. A fixed fire extinguishing system installed in the engine compartment shall be deemed equal to one Type B-I hand portable fire extinguisher.

Open Vessels. Vessels less than 26 feet in length, propelled by outboard motors and not carrying passengers for hire, shall not be required to carry portable fire extinguishers if the construction of the vessels will not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable gases or vapors.

(d) Every engine, except outboard motors, using gasoline as fuel and installed in a vessel shall be equipped with an acceptable means of backfire flame control that meets the requirements of 46 CFR 25 and 33 CFR 175.

(e) Every vessel, except open vessels using liquid of a volatile nature as fuel, shall be equipped with an operable ventilation system as required by 33 CFR 175.201 and 46 CFR 25.40-1, to remove any explosive or flammable gases from the bilges of the engine and fuel tank compartments that meets the requirements of 46 CFR 25 and 33 CFR 175.

(f) Sound devices shall be required as follows:

- (1) Vessels less than 12 meters or 39.4 feet in length shall be equipped with some means of making an efficient sound signal; and
- (2) Vessels equal to or greater than 12 meters or 39.4 feet in length shall be equipped with a whistle and a bell that comply with 33 USC 2033.

(g) Lights. The lights prescribed by this Paragraph shall be exhibited from sunset to sunrise and in fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, sandstorms, or any other similar circumstances of restricted visibility. They may be exhibited in all other circumstances when deemed necessary. During such times no other lights shall be exhibited, except those that cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in these Rules, do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or do not interfere with keeping a proper lookout. Lights shall be required as follows:

- (1) Vessels, other than those vessels described in Subparagraphs (g)(3)-(7) of this Rule, equal to or greater than 12 meters or 39.4 feet but less than 20 meters or 65.6 feet in length shall exhibit:
  - (A) A masthead light forward visible for three miles;
  - (B) Sidelights, green to starboard and red to port, visible for two miles; and
  - (C) A stern light visible for two miles.
- (2) Vessels, other than those vessels described in Subparagraphs (g)(3)-(7) of this Rule, less than 12 meters or 39.4 feet in length shall exhibit:
  - (A) An all-round white light visible for two miles; and
  - (B) Sidelights, green to starboard and red to port, visible for 1 mile.
- (3) Sailing vessels underway that are seven meters or 23 feet in length or greater shall exhibit:
  - (A) A stern light visible for two miles; and
  - (B) Sidelights, green to starboard and red to port, visible for two miles.
- (4) In a sailing vessel less than 20 meters or 65.6 feet in length, the lights prescribed in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph may be combined in one lantern carried at or near the top of the mast where it can be best seen.
- (5) A sailing vessel of less than seven meters or 23 feet in length shall, if practicable, exhibit the lights prescribed in Subparagraph (3) or (4) of this Paragraph; if not practicable the vessel shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light that shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent a collision.
- (6) A vessel under oars shall either:
  - (A) exhibit the lights prescribed in Subparagraph (g)(5) of this Rule for sailing vessels; or
  - (B) have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light that shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent a collision.

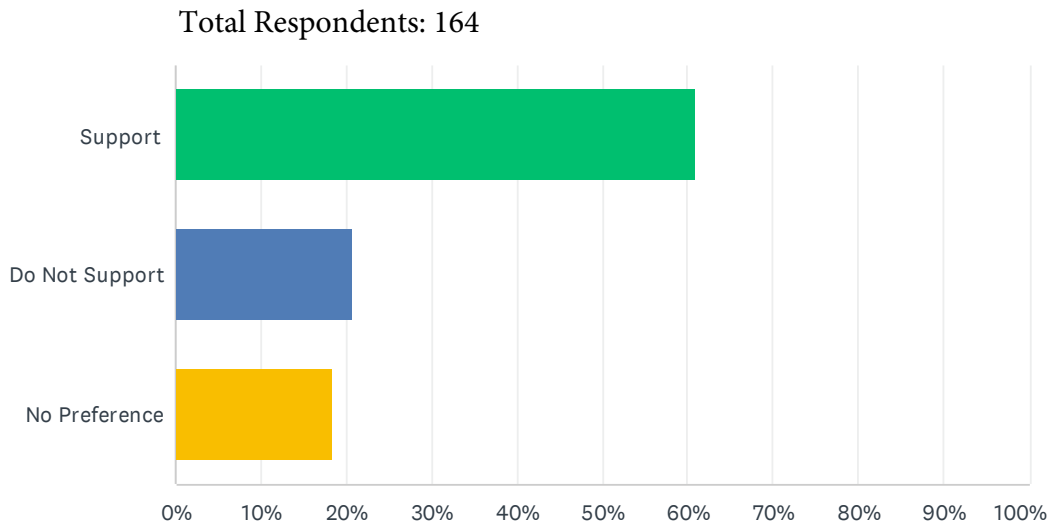
- (7) On public waters not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, vessels propelled by machinery of 10 horsepower or less, in lieu of the foregoing requirements, may carry from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise a white light in the stern or have on board a hand flashlight in good working condition which shall be ready at hand and shall be temporarily displayed in sufficient time to prevent collision. The Subparagraph shall not apply to vessels in waters of this State that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-6; 113-307;*  
*Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
*Amended Eff. November 1, 2013; April 1, 2009; March 1, 2008; April 1, 1999; August 1, 1988; May 1, 1976;*  
*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016;*  
*Amended Eff. April 1, 2022; November 1, 2018.*



**Exhibit E-1**  
 Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
 to Wildlife Management for 2022-2023

**H1** - Allows crippled waterfowl to be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as Special Sea Duck Areas. Eliminated the habitat enhancement program that established posted waterfowl management areas by the WRC for Canada Goose and duck restoration. Removes the word “experimental” from the September teal season zones as the season is no longer experimental, it is established.

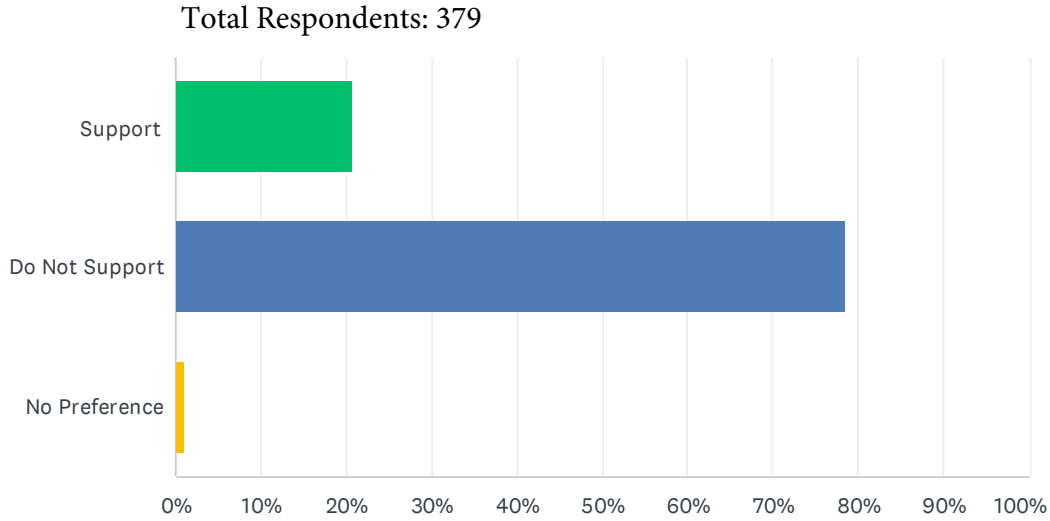


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	60.98%	100
Do Not Support	20.73%	34
No Preference	18.29%	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>164</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	2		15	10	9	4	4	4	9	28	15
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	2		2			12	17
<b>No Preference</b>	1				3	1		2	10	10	3
<b>TOTAL: 164</b>	3		15	11	14	5	6	6	19	50	35

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**H2 - Adds Tegu Lizard (*Salvator spp.*) and Greenhouse Frog (*Eleutherodactylus Planirostris*) as exotic species that are unlawful to possess, import, sell, release, etc. into North Carolina.**

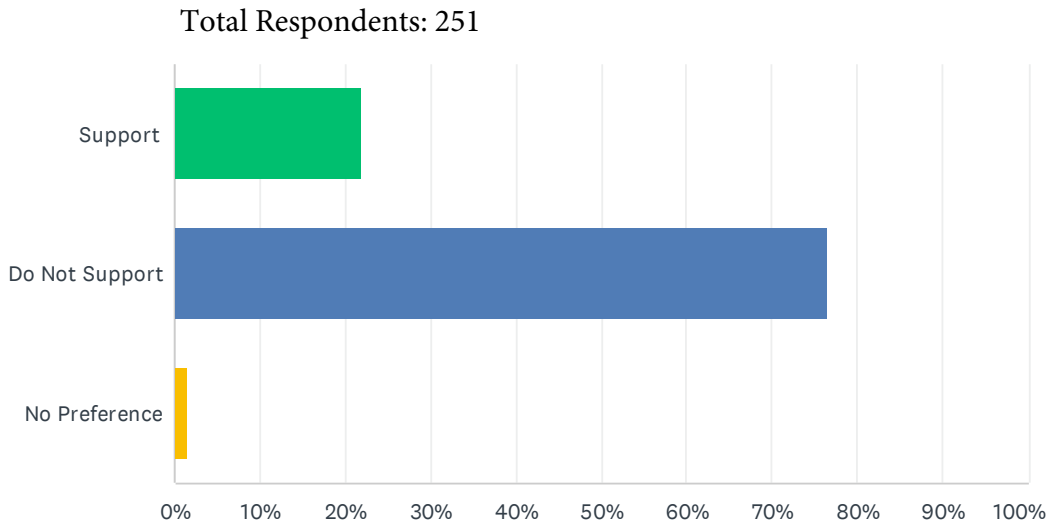


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	20.58%	78
Do Not Support	78.36%	297
No Preference	1.06%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>379</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	2		8	1	6	2	4	4	14	25	12
<b>Do Not Support</b>	3		29	16	34	19	25	9	9	97	56
<b>No Preference</b>										3	1
<b>TOTAL: 379</b>	5		37	17	40	21	29	13	23	125	69

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**H3** - Modifies the 4/24 rule for possession of reptiles and amphibians without a license or permit, changing it to no more than 4 reptile species and 24 amphibian species per physical address. It also adds in the requirements for a snapping turtle collection license with collection season from June 1 through September 30, no more than 10 turtles per physical address per day, no more than 100 snapping turtles per physical address per season, a 13-inch size limit, specifications around trapping devices and limits the snapping turtle collection license to North Carolina residents only. It defines scientific, educational, and snapping turtle collection and clarifies that licenses may not be transferable. Aligns possession permits with 4/24 rules. Aligns 13-inch size limit throughout rules.

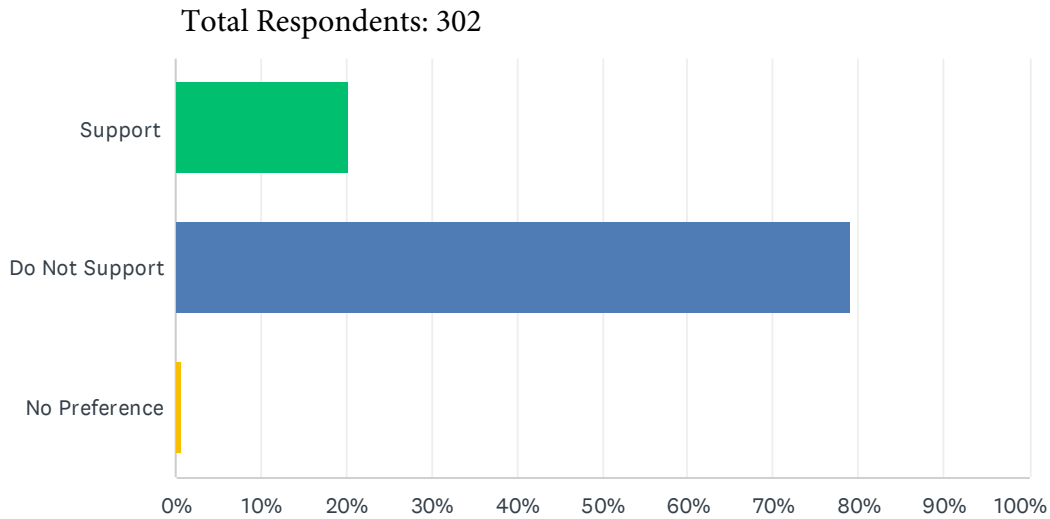


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	21.91%	55
Do Not Support	76.49%	192
No Preference	1.59%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>251</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	1		7		2	2	2	5	12	16	8
<b>Do Not Support</b>	2		24	8	24	17	15	4	4	65	29
<b>No Preference</b>	1									2	1
<b>TOTAL: 251</b>	4		31	8	26	19	17	9	16	83	38

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**H4** - Adds reptiles and amphibians to the list of animals prohibited to import, thus requiring a permit be obtained before any native reptiles or amphibians can be imported into the state. Removes language regarding cervid importation.

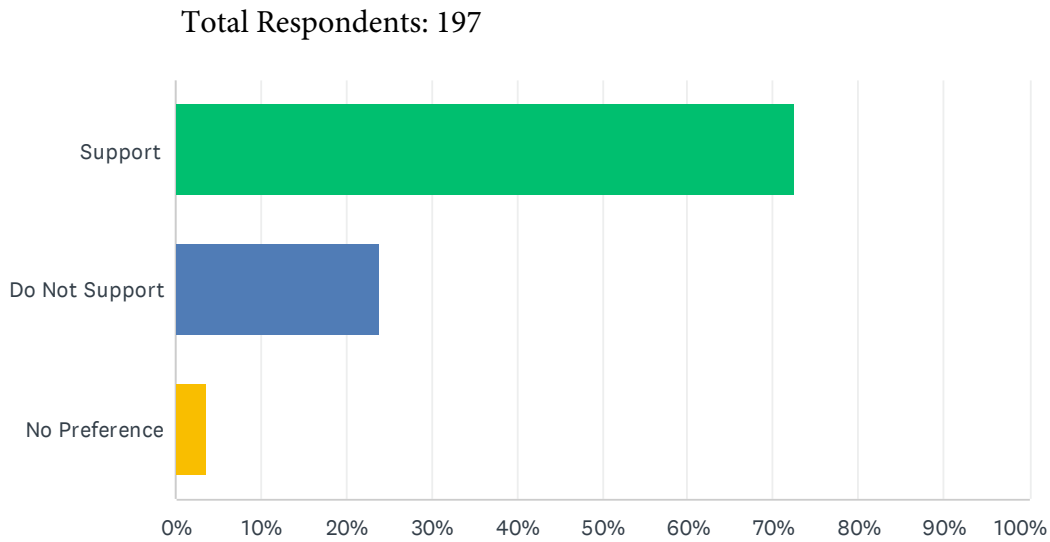


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	20.20%	61
Do Not Support	79.14%	239
No Preference	0.66%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>302</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			6		5	2	1	3	13	19	12
<b>Do Not Support</b>	3		31	11	30	15	20	11	6	65	47
<b>No Preference</b>										1	1
<b>TOTAL: 302</b>	3		37	11	35	17	21	14	19	85	60

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**H5** - Remove western blackpowder either sex restriction line from rule and links blackpowder either sex restrictions to the corresponding either sex gun seasons: - No either sex gun = First Saturday only of blackpowder - Introductory either sex gun = Opening day through following Saturday of blackpowder - Conservative either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season - Moderate either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season - Maximum either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season.

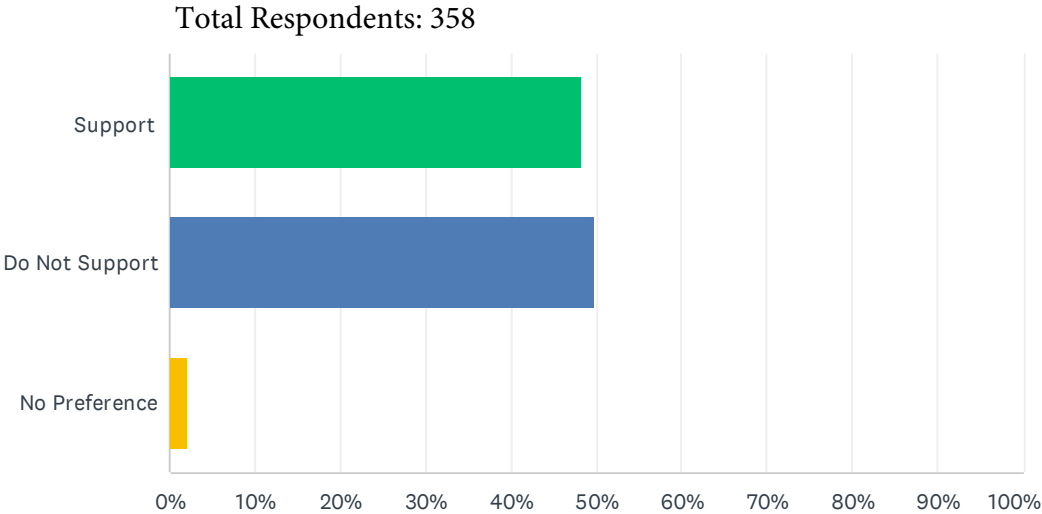


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	72.59%	143
Do Not Support	23.86%	47
No Preference	3.55%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>197</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	2		8	4	6	4	8	14	43	44	10
<b>Do Not Support</b>					1	1	2		21	14	8
<b>No Preference</b>				1		1			1	3	1
<b>TOTAL: 197</b>	2		8	5	7	6	10	14	65	61	19

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**H6** - Allow for a spring gray squirrel season, 14 days in duration, to open the second Monday in May on private land only with a daily limit of 8.

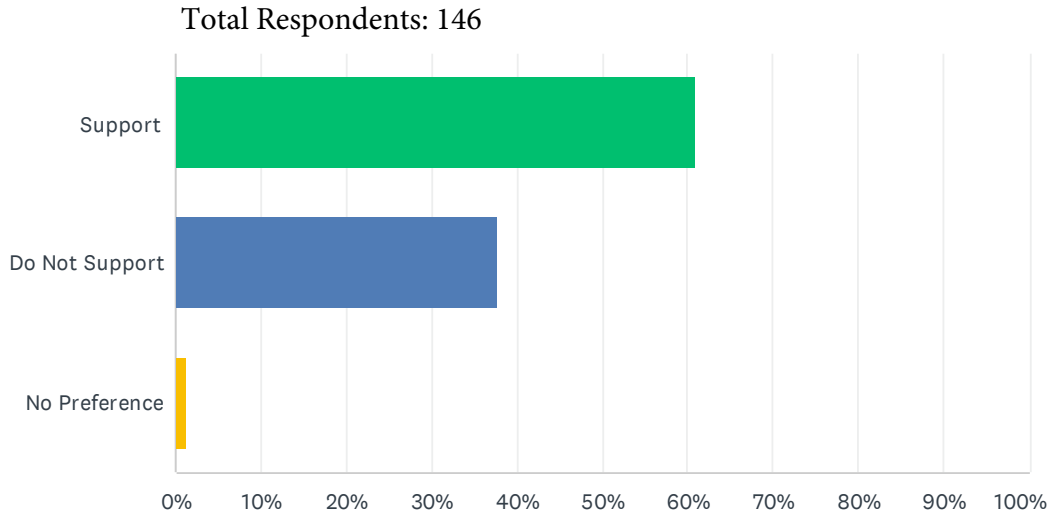


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	48.04%	172
Do Not Support	50.8%	182
No Preference	1.11%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>358</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NC Not Specified	Out of State	Not Disclosed
<b>Support</b>	1		16	10	11	8	10	17	36	51	12	
<b>Do Not Support</b>	5		29	1	16	34	6	1	29	38	12	11
<b>No Preference</b>			1						1	2		
<b>TOTAL: 358</b>	6		46	11	27	42	16	18	66	91	24	11

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**H7 - Consolidate raccoon and opossum hunting regulations into one rule and remove restriction on hunting racoons during the daylight hours west of US 1.**

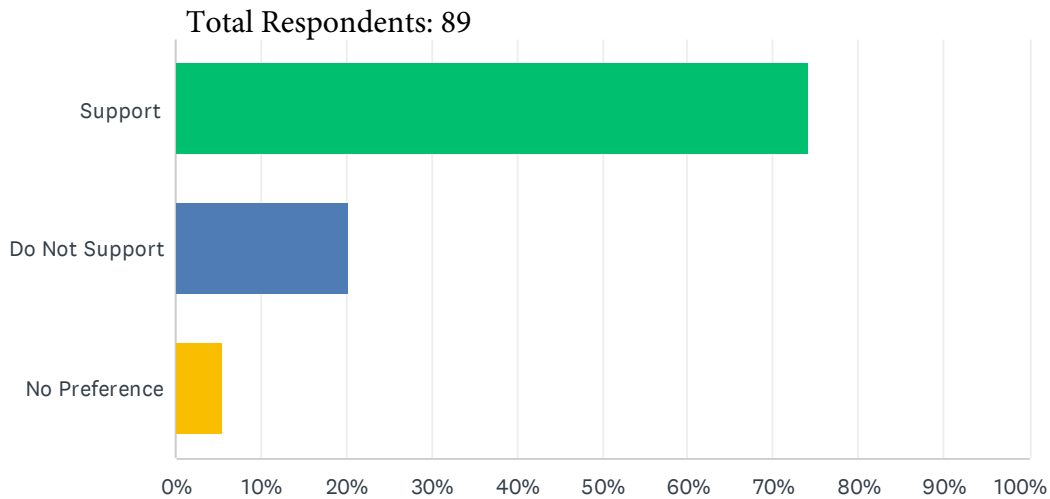


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	60.96%	89
Do Not Support	37.67%	55
No Preference	1.37%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>146</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	1		5	3	11	4	4	10	21	22	8
<b>Do Not Support</b>			5	2	8	4	4	3	4	9	16
<b>No Preference</b>										2	
<b>TOTAL: 146</b>	1		10	5	19	8	8	13	25	33	24

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**H8** - Removes the fee charged for otter and bobcat CITES upon request of a tag from the Commission. Sets limits on how many tags may requested per request. Changes the placement of rule text that states how foxes should be tagged and their carcasses or pelts lawfully tagged and sold to another rule.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	74.16%	66
Do Not Support	20.22%	18
No Preference	5.62%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>89</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	2		5	5	5	4	5	5	12	17	6
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	1		1			3	12
<b>No Preference</b>										5	
<b>TOTAL: 89</b>	2		5	6	6	4	6	5	12	25	18



# EXHIBIT E-2b

February 24, 2021



## Proposed Amendments to Wildlife Management Rules for 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

### Migratory Game Birds

#### 1. 15A NCAC 10B .0105

Allows crippled waterfowl to be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as Special Sea Duck Areas. Eliminated the habitat enhancement program that established posted waterfowl management areas by the WRC for Canada Goose and duck restoration. Removes the word “experimental” from the September teal season zones as the season is no longer experimental, it is established.

**Justification:** Brings state rules in concurrence with the current Federal frameworks. The habitat enhancement program that established posted waterfowl management areas by the Wildlife Resources Commission for Canada Goose and duck restoration no longer exists.

*15A NCAC 10B .0105 Migratory Game Birds (page 4)*

### Exotic Species

#### 2. 15A NCAC 10B .0123

Adds Greenhouse frog (*Eleutherodactylus planirostris*) and Argentine Black and White Tegu Lizard (*Salvator merianae* or *Tupinambis merianae*). as an exotic species that it is unlawful to possess, import, sell, release, etc. into North Carolina.

**Justification:** Once established in the wild, Tegus are destructive and aggressively invasive, often feeding on eggs of ground nesting birds such as turkey and quail and could pose a dire threat to ground nesting shorebirds. In addition, Tegus have been noted as a threat to alligator nests where they have become established in Florida. Since these species are popular in the pet trade and have been observed for sale at many pet shops and reptile shows across North Carolina it is important to take the necessary precautions to prevent its introduction and spread into the state. The Argentine Black and White Tegu Lizard is a species that could survive year round in North Carolina

*15A NCAC 10B .0123 Limitations on Certain Exotic Species (page 5)*

### Collection, Possession and Commercial Take

#### 3. 15A NCAC 10B .0119, 10H .1301, & .1302

Adds in the requirements for a snapping turtle collection license for taking no more than 10 turtles per person per day, no more than 100 snapping turtles per person per year, a 13-inch size limit, specifications around trapping devices and limits the snapping turtle collection license to North Carolina residents only. It defines scientific, educational, and snapping turtle collection and clarifies that licenses may not be transferable.

Aligns possession permits with 4/24 rules. Aligns 13-inch size limit throughout rules. Allows 15 traps to be set per license.

**Justification:** The current 4/24 rule provides opportunity for illegal collection, possession, and trade of native reptiles and amphibians. Modification provides clarity between bonified collection activities and an individual wanting a native herp as a pet. There has been a growing demand for snapping turtle collection from North Carolina. Neighboring states have reduced or eliminated their commercial take of snapping turtles pushing more people into our state. Reducing harvest from per person to per address preserves population numbers.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0119 Wildlife Collectors (page 6-7)*  
*15A NCAC 10H .1301 Commercial Take of Certain Exotic Species (Page 8)*  
*15A NCAC 10H .1302 Possession of Reptiles and Amphibians (page 9)*

## **Importation of Native Reptiles and Amphibians**

### **4. 15A NCAC 10B .0101**

Adds reptiles and amphibians to the list of animals prohibited to import, thus requiring a permit be obtained before any native reptiles or amphibians can be imported into the state. Removes language regarding cervid importation.

**Justification:** Reptiles and amphibians are not included in the definition of wild animals. Prohibiting their importation stops any unregulated or illegal importation of native reptiles and amphibians. The importation of cervids was moved under the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and is no longer applicable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

*15A NCAC 10B.0101 Importation of Wild Animals and Birds (page 10)*

## **Deer**

### **5. 15ANCAC 10B .0203**

Remove western blackpowder either sex restriction line from rule and links blackpowder either sex restrictions to the corresponding either sex gun seasons:

- No either sex gun = First Saturday only of blackpowder
- Introductory either sex gun = Opening day through following Saturday of blackpowder
- Conservative either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season
- Moderate either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season
- Maximum either sex gun = All open days of the applicable blackpowder season

**Justification:** Removing the current either sex blackpowder season restriction structure and linking blackpowder restrictions to corresponding either sex gun seasons will reduce complexity and increase rule consistency across open seasons for hunting deer of either sex. Currently, the biological objective for density is being met and/or harvest trends indicate continued growth of deer herds in the affected counties. Additional antlerless harvest is sustainable and would provide hunters with additional harvest opportunity. Increased antlerless harvest would also address biological objectives not currently met that aim to improve balance in the adult sex ratio.

*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (page 11)*

## **Squirrel**

### **6. 15A NCAC 10B .0206**

Allow for a spring gray squirrel season, 14 days in duration, to open the second Monday in May on private land.

**Justification:** This proposed season follows the spring breeding pulse at the same interval that the fall season follows the summer breeding pulse. This will allow for increased hunter opportunity during a biologically appropriate time frame. Eight other states have a spring squirrel season.

*15A NCAC 10H .0206 Squirrels (page 11)*

## **Raccoon**

### **7. 15A NCAC 10B .0111 & .0205**

Consolidate raccoon and opossum hunting regulations into one rule and remove restriction on hunting racoons during the daylight hours west of US 1.

**Justification:** Consolidation of rules pertaining to the same species for clarity. Raccoon populations have increased in the piedmont and mountains and there is no biological or management justification to restrict daylight hunting of raccoons.

*15A NCAC 10B .0111 Restrictions on Raccoon and Opossum Hunting (page 12)*

*15A NCAC 10B .0205 Raccoon and Opossum (page 12)*

## **Tagging**

### **8. 15A NCAC 10B .0403 & .0402**

Removes the fee charged for otter and bobcat CITES upon request of a tag from the Commission. Sets limits on how many tags may be requested. Moves carcass and pelt tagging requirements from .0403 to .0402.

**Justification:** Fur prices have declined since their peak in the 1980's and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does not pay for the CITES tags; they are issued on an annual basis by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service free of charge. The tagging requirements for fox carcass and pelt was moved to a more appropriate location in the tagging furs rule.

*15A NCAC 10B .0403 Application for Tags (page 13)*

*15A NCAC 10B .0402 Tagging Furs (page 13)*

1 virtual public hearing was held on January 20, 2022 with 471 attendees.

**15A NCAC 10B .0105 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

(a) Cooperative State Rules:

- (1) ~~The taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider and old squaw) during any federally announced season for only these species shall be limited to the~~ The waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and to those coastal waters south of US 64 that are separated by a distance of at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island or marsh. ~~marsh are designated as a special hunting area for the taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed duck) as referenced by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating these special areas.~~
- (2) Tundra swans may be taken during the open season by permit only subject to annual limitations imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Based upon the annual limitations imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue nontransferable swan permits to applicants who will be selected at random by computer. Only one swan ~~may~~ shall be taken under each permit which shall be cancelled at the time of the kill by cutting out the month and day of the kill. Accompanying the permit is a tag which must be affixed to the swan at the time and place of the kill. The tag must be affixed in accordance with instructions provided with the permit. In addition, a preaddressed post-paid card is supplied to each permittee on which to report the number of days hunted and the details of the kill if made. ~~It is unlawful to hunt~~ Hunting swans without having the permit and the tag in possession or to possess a swan without the cancelled permit in possession and the tag affixed in accordance with instructions provided with the permit to the ~~swan. swan is prohibited. It is unlawful to possess~~ Possessing a swan permit or tag while hunting that was assigned to another person or to alter the permit or tag in any way other than cutting out the proper month and day of ~~kill. kill is prohibited.~~

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-291.1(a) and (b), the following restrictions apply to the taking of migratory game birds:

- (1) No migratory game bird may be taken:
  - (A) With a rifle;
  - (B) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, ~~so as to~~ limit its total capacity to not more than three shells.
- (2) ~~No migratory game bird may be taken:~~
  - ~~(A)~~ (C) From or by the use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
  - ~~(B)~~ (D) With the aid of bait, or on, over, or within 300 yards of any place where any grain, salt or other feed is exposed so as to constitute an attraction to migratory game birds or has been so exposed during any of the 10 consecutive days preceding the taking, except that this Part shall not apply to standing crops, flooded croplands, grain crops shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting;
  - ~~(C)~~ (E) With the aid of live decoys, or on, over or within 300 yards of any place where tame or captive migratory game birds are present, unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking confined within an enclosure which eliminates the audibility of their calls and totally conceals them from the sight of wild migratory game birds.
- ~~(3)~~ (2) Crippled waterfowl may be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- ~~(4) Waterfowl hunting and harassment and other unauthorized activities is prohibited on posted waterfowl management areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for Canada Geese and ducks restoration. Information on impoundments can be found at newwildlife.org.~~
- ~~(5)~~ (3) In that area of Roanoke Sound adjacent to and immediately Northeast of Roanoke Island as marked by buoys designating the waterfowl rest area, it is unlawful to harass or take any waterfowl.
- ~~(6)~~ (4) The area east of US 17 is designated as ~~a an experimental~~ September teal season zone as referenced by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating ~~experimental areas. these zones.~~

(c) ~~Reporting Requirements:~~ For tundra swan and Canada goose seasons where a permit is required to hunt by Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, hunter questionnaires shall be completed online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org), or on the Commission-supplied, supplied on preaddressed, postage-paid ~~cards~~ cards. Questionnaires shall be completed by or returned to the Commission and postmarked no later than April 1 following the end of the applicable season. Failure to return the questionnaire and animal parts, if required, by this date shall make the individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season. In lieu of returning a hard copy, individuals may fill out a questionnaire on line through the Wildlife Commission web site at [newwildlife.org](http://newwildlife.org) when this option is available by April 1 following the end of the applicable season.

(d) Failure to return the questionnaire and any required animal parts, by this date shall make the individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season.

### 15A NCAC 10B .0123 LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN EXOTIC SPECIES

~~(a) Except as provided in this Rule, it shall be unlawful to import, transport, export, purchase, possess, sell, transfer, or release into public or private waters or lands of the State, any live specimen(s) of Tongueless or African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus* spp.), Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*), Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*), any Asian Newts (genera *Cynops*, *Pachytriton*, *Paramesotriton*, *Laotriton*, *Tylotriton*), or Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*).~~

(a) Except as provided in this Rule, it shall be unlawful to import, transport, export, purchase, possess, sell, transfer, or release into public or private waters or lands of the State, any live specimen(s) of

- (1) Tongueless or African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus* spp.);
- (2) Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*);
- (3) Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*);
- (4) Asian Newts (genera *Cynops*, *Pachytriton*, *Paramesotriton*, *Laotriton*, *Tylotriton*);
- (5) Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*);
- (6) [Tegu (genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*); or] Argentine Black and White Tegu (*Salvator merianae* or *Tupinambis merianae*); or
- (7) Greenhouse Frog (*Eleutherodactylus planirostris*).

(b) The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission may by permit authorize importation, transportation, exportation, purchase, possession, sale, or transfer of any species in this Rule by the following entities, subject to the specified limitations:

- (1) Retail and Wholesale Establishments. Importation, possession, sale, transfer, transportation, and exportation of these species within North Carolina, by retail and wholesale establishments whose primary business is providing scientific supplies for research, shall be allowed by permit, provided the following conditions are met:
  - (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include plans for holding, transportation, advertisement, and sale to allow a determination of the safeguards employed to prevent accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals;
  - (B) in-State sale or transfer is allowed only to agencies, entities, and institutions listed in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph;
  - (C) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
  - (D) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities; and
  - (E) transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape.
- (2) Government Agencies and Research Institutions. Purchase, importation, possession, transfer, transportation, and exportation of these species within North Carolina shall be allowed by permitted State and federal governmental agencies, corporate research entities, and research institutions, provided the following conditions are met:
  - (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include plans for holding, transportation, final disposition, and safeguards to prevent accidental escape;
  - (B) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
  - (C) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities;
  - (D) transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape; and
  - (E) the agency's, entity's, or institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the research protocol for these species.

(c) Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it shall be lawful for private individuals in possession of a live specimen(s) of Red-eared Slider(s) (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) prior to August 1, 2018, to retain, transport, transfer, or export the animal(s) in their possession. Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it shall be lawful for private individuals in possession of a live specimen(s) [of Tegu(s) (genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*)] Argentine Black and White Tegu(s) (*Salvator merianae* and *Tupinambis merianae*) prior to August 1, 2022, to retain, transport, transfer, or export the animal(s) in their possession.

(d) Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, facilities open to the public for education may apply for a permit to collect, receive, and possess ~~Red-eared Slider(s).~~ any of the species listed in Paragraph (a).

**15A NCAC 10B .0119 WILDLIFE COLLECTORS**

~~(a) Collection Licenses. The Executive Director may license qualified individuals to take or collect any species of wildlife resources except that endangered, threatened, and special concern species may not be taken or collected except under a special permit issued by the Executive Director for research purposes, unless there is an open season for the species. If an open season exists for the species, then the appropriate hunting, fishing, or trapping license serves as the authorization for take. This Rule shall not prohibit an individual from killing an endangered, threatened, or special concern species in defense of his own life or the lives of others without a permit. Individuals who annually collect fewer than five reptiles or fewer than 25 amphibians that are not on the endangered, threatened, or special concern lists shall be exempted from this license requirement, except snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length) shall not be collected at all. The license shall be issued upon payment of a fee in accordance with G.S. 113-272.4, except that licenses shall be issued to representatives of educational or scientific institutions or of governmental agencies without charge. The license shall be used in lieu of any other hunting or trapping license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the wildlife incidental to the authorized taking, except that it shall not authorize the taking, possession, or transportation of any species of wildlife in violation of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or any other federal act to prohibit or restrict the possession and transportation of wildlife resources.~~

~~(b) Limits on collection. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Chelydridae (snapping turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar and these turtles shall have a curved carapace length greater than 11 inches. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Kinosternidae (mud and musk turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar year.~~

~~(c) Qualifications of Licensees. In addition to representatives of educational and scientific institutions and governmental agencies, the collection license may be issued to any individual for any purpose when it is not deemed inimical to the efficient conservation of the species to be collected or to some other wildlife species that may be dependent thereon.~~

~~(d) Methods of Taking. The manner of taking wildlife resources under a collection license may be specified by the Executive Director pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d) and need not be restricted to the usual methods of hunting or trapping.~~

~~(e) Term of License. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(e), impose time limits and other restrictions on the duration of any collection license, but unless so restricted the license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.~~

~~(f) Report of Collecting Activity. Each individual licensed under this Rule shall submit a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days following the date of expiration of the license. The report shall show the numbers of each species taken under the license and the use or disposition thereof. The Executive Director may require additional information for statistical purposes such as the dates and places of the taking and the sex, size, weight, condition, and approximate age of each specimen taken.~~

~~(g) Other Requirements and Restrictions. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d), impose such other requirements and restrictions on persons licensed under this Rule as he may deem to be necessary to the efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.~~

(a) Wildlife Collection Licenses may be issued to qualified individuals [as defined in G.S. 113-130] to take any species of wildlife resources for the following purposes:

- (1) scientific collection;
- (2) educational collection; or
- (3) snapping turtle collection.

(b) The following definitions shall apply to this Rule:

- (1) "Scientific Collection" shall mean collection for the purpose of conducting scientific research or survey.
- (2) "Educational Collection" means collection for the purpose of providing instruction, training, or information to the public.
- (3) "Snapping Turtle Collection" means collection of snapping turtles from the family *Chelydridae* for sale pursuant to 10H .1301.
- (4) "Personal Use" means collection and holding, using as bait, or personal consumption of reptiles or amphibians.

(c) The Commission shall consider the following qualifications when issuing a license:

- (1) prior research or educational experience in the same or similar field;
- (2) work with or for an educational institution;
- (3) type of study requested of license (permanent or catch and release);
- (4) current state and quantity of species requested;
- (5) collection methodology proposed; and
- (6) disposition of collection.

(d) Individuals collecting and holding reptiles or amphibians for personal use shall not be required to obtain a Wildlife Collection License so long as the following conditions are met:

- (1) no more than 4 individuals of native reptile species or 24 individuals of any combination of amphibian species [per physical address] per person. [except for snapping turtles listed in Paragraph (i);
- (2) collected reptiles and amphibians shall not be bought or sold; and

(3) no endangered, threatened, or special concern species shall be collected and retained.

(e) Endangered, threatened, and special concern species may not be taken or collected except under an endangered species permit unless there is an open season for the species. If an open season exists for the species, then the appropriate hunting, fishing, or trapping license serves as the authorization for take.

(f) Wildlife Collection licenses may be issued to any individual, so long as the take is not deemed harmful to the efficient conservation of the species to be collected or to other wildlife species that may be dependent thereon.

(g) Individuals interested in obtaining a Wildlife Collection License shall apply by sending an application to 1701 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606 or by completing and submitting ~~[submitting]~~ an application online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). Information required by the applicant shall include

(1) name, address, date of birth, email, and driver's license number; and

(2) species information.

(3) Additional information required for scientific and educational collection shall include:

(A) organizational affiliation, if any; and

(B) full documentation of research or educational proposal(s) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval, if applicable.

(h) Wildlife Collection Licenses shall be used in lieu of any other hunting or trapping license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the wildlife incidental to the authorized taking. It shall not authorize the taking, possession, or transportation of any species of wildlife in violation of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or any other federal act to prohibit or restrict the possession and transportation of wildlife resources.

(i) Wildlife Collection Licenses for snapping turtle collection shall only be available to North Carolina residents. The following conditions shall apply:

~~[(1)]~~ collection shall occur from June 1 through September 30;

~~[(2)]~~ (1) no more than 10 snapping turtles per ~~[physical address]~~ person per day;

~~[(3)]~~ (2) no more than 100 snapping turtles per ~~[physical address]~~ person per season;

~~[(4)]~~ (3) turtles shall have a minimum curved carapace length of 13 inches; and

~~[(5)]~~ (4) no more than ~~[40]~~ 15 trapping devices per license. Devices shall be:

(A) Labeled with a waterproof tag that shows the licensee's name, WRC Customer Number, or Wildlife Collection License number.

(B) Hoop traps or other trap style that allows for the unharmed release of any nontarget species or snapping turtles less than 13 inches.

(C) Checked daily per 15A NCAC 10B .0110.

(j) Unless a more limited duration is designated on the license, Wildlife Collection Licenses shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.

(k) Licensed individuals shall submit the following information to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days of license expiration depending on the species taken:

(1) the numbers of each species taken under the license and the use or disposition thereof;

(2) dates and location of the taking; and

(3) sex, size, weight, condition, or approximate age of each specimen taken as specified on the license.

(l) Wildlife Collections License shall not be transferable either by license holder or by site of a facility.

(m) The Executive Director or his or her designee may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d), require further restrictions or conditions on individuals licensed under this Rule as he or she deems necessary to the efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.

**15A NCAC 10H .1301 ~~COMMERCIAL TAKE OF CERTAIN TURTLES PROHIBITED~~ SALE OF NATIVE TURTLES**

- (a) For the purposes of this Rule, "commercial taking" means the taking, possession, collection, transportation, purchase, or sale of five or more individual turtles or any turtle part, per person in a calendar year.
- ~~(a) Buying or selling any native turtle species is prohibited except for snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) with a curved carapace length of 13 inches or greater as authorized by 10B .0119.~~
- ~~(b) It shall be unlawful to engage in the commercial taking of any native turtle species in the families Emydidae or Trionychidae.~~
- ~~(c) The prohibition on commercial taking in this Rule shall not apply to the following:~~
- ~~(1) A licensed veterinarian when holding for purposes of medical treatment;~~
  - ~~(2) A holder of a valid captivity permit for the purposes of rehabilitation;~~
  - ~~(3) A publicly financed zoo, scientific research facility or institution of higher education, or any State or federal agency;~~
  - ~~(4) Any person who accidentally collects five or more turtles incidental to any lawful activity, and who immediately returns them to the wild; or~~
  - ~~(5) Property owners who legally apply for and receive depredation permits from the Wildlife Resources Commission, or one of its Wildlife Damage Control Agents.~~
- ~~(d) No native turtle shall be sold, except:~~
- ~~(1) as authorized by 10A NCAC 41A .0302; and~~
  - ~~(2) snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) with a curved carapace length of 11 inches or greater.~~
- ~~(e)~~**(b)** Violators shall be subject to a replacement cost per individual turtle that shall equal the replacement cost for "species with no open season" as set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0117(c).



**15A NCAC 10H .1302 POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

- (a) Possession permits are required for the possession, importation, transportation, purchase, and sale ~~[per physical address]~~ of:
  - (1) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or
  - (2) five or more individuals of native reptile species.
- ~~(b) Possession permits shall not be required for the possession, importation, transportation, purchase, and sale of:~~
  - ~~(1) 24 or fewer individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or~~
  - ~~(2) four or fewer individuals of native reptile species.~~
- (b) Possession permits are required for the rehabilitation of native reptiles and amphibians.
- (c) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to authorize the collection of any wildlife resources from the wild or the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, or release to the wild of any wildlife resources or their parts in violation of State or federal laws or regulations.
- (d) At no time shall permitted animals be released to the wild, except under situations of research or rehabilitation with written permission from the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- ~~(e) The sale of native turtles shall be unlawful, except as authorized by 10A NCAC 41A .0302 and snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) with a curved carapace length of 11 or greater.~~
- ~~(f)~~(e) A possession permit shall not be issued for:
  - (1) holding reptiles and amphibians that were acquired unlawfully;
  - (2) holding reptiles and amphibians for unlawful sale or trade;
  - (3) ~~selling snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length);~~ individuals collecting snapping turtles under the collection license set forth in 10B .0119;
  - (4) ~~collecting five or more individual native turtles from the families Emydidae or Trionychidae from the wild in a given year, except those entities exempted from collection in Rule .1301(e) of this Section;~~ collection of native reptiles and amphibians from the wild;
  - (5) ~~collecting five or more individuals in aggregate from other native reptile families or 25 or more individual amphibians from the wild in a given year without first having secured a valid Collection License;~~
  - ~~(6)~~(5) individuals in violation of the requirements of a collection license, as set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0119, an endangered species permit, as set forth in 15A NCAC 10I .0100, or a possession permit as set forth in this Section; or
  - ~~(7)~~(6) individuals who do not first obtain possession permits prior to acquiring the following wildlife resources in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- ~~(g)~~(f) ~~The~~ Unless a more limited duration is designated on the permit ~~permit,~~ possession permits shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.
- ~~(h)~~(g) Individuals permitted under this Rule shall submit a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days following the date of permit expiration. The report shall contain the numbers of each species held under the permit and the use or disposition thereof.
- (h) Any individual engaged in the purchased transportation and sale of more than 100 snapping turtles is required to have a possession permit. Permitted individuals shall submit the numbers of snapping turtles taken under the permit and the use or disposition thereof to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days of permit expiration.

**15A NCAC 10B .0101 IMPORTATION OF WILD ~~ANIMALS,~~ ANIMALS AND BIRDS ~~BIRDS,~~ AND NATIVE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

(a) Before any live wild bird, bird or wild ~~animal~~ animal, or any native reptile or amphibian, is imported into North Carolina for any purpose, a permit shall be obtained from the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission authorizing the importation, using application forms provided by the Commission.

~~(b) Deer, elk, or other species in the family Cervidae may only be imported into the state of North Carolina from a herd in which Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has not been detected for at least five years and has been managed using standards equivalent to, or more stringent than, the criteria specified in 15A NCAC 10H .0301 and 15A NCAC 10H .0302. The individual U.S. or Mexican state or territory, Canadian province or other country of origin must have CWD monitoring requirements that are at least as stringent as those described in this Rule, 15A NCAC 10H .0301 and 15A NCAC 10H .0302. The originating individual U.S. or Mexican state's or territory's, Canadian province's or other country's CWD monitoring program must be jointly reviewed by Wildlife Resources Commission and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services personnel before approval of any importation of cervids into North Carolina. There shall be no importation from individual U.S. or Mexican states or territories, Canadian provinces or other countries in which CWD has been detected, either in a wild herd or a captive herd.~~

~~(c) Cervids imported into North Carolina shall be individually identified by tags provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission that shall be affixed by the licensee to each cervid as set forth in 15A NCAC 10H .0301.~~

(b) Waterfowl imported into North Carolina must be received from facilities or individuals who are certified under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) as pullorum-typhoid and avian influenza negative. If the source birds are not part of NPIP, they must be tested pullorum-typhoid and avian influenza negative by NPIP standards within 30 days prior to entry into North Carolina. Health certificates for imported waterfowl shall be available for inspection by authorized Commission personnel upon request.

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

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- (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)(E), (F), or (G) of this Rule that has either-sex days for all lawful ~~weapons.~~ 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) Deer of either sex may be taken during the first open day of the blackpowder firearms and archery season thru the first Saturday thereafter in any county or county part set forth in Part (a)(2)(D) of this Rule
  - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken on the first open Saturday of the blackpowder firearms and archery season in any county or county part not set forth in Part (a)(2) of this Rule.
  - ~~(B)(D)~~ (D) 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 archery seasons, 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).

## 15A NCAC 10B .0206 SQUIRRELS

### ~~(a) Squirrel Open Seasons:~~

- (1) ~~Gray and red squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or closest to October 15 to the last day of February.~~
  - (2) ~~Fox squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or nearest October 15 to January 31.~~
- (a) The open season for gray and red squirrels is the Monday on or closest to October 15 through the last day of February.
- (b) The open season for fox squirrels is the Monday on or nearest October 15 through January 31.
- (c) Except on game lands, gray squirrels may also be taken by hunting on the second Monday in May through the fourth Monday in May.
- ### ~~(b) Squirrel Bag Limits:~~
- (1) ~~The daily bag limit for gray and red squirrels is eight and there are no season and no possession limits.~~
  - (2) ~~The daily bag limit for fox squirrels is one; the possession limit is two; and the season limit is 10.~~
- (d) The daily bag limit for gray and red squirrels is eight in aggregate and there are no season or possession limits.
- (e) The daily bag limit for fox squirrels is one; the possession limit is two; and the season limit is 10.

**15A NCAC 10B .0111 RESTRICTIONS ON RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING**

- ~~(a) Axes or saws may not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.~~
- ~~(b) Except in Richmond County, raccoon may not be shot during daylight hours west of US 1.~~

**15A NCAC 10B .0205 RACCOON AND OPOSSUM**

- (a) ~~Open Season:~~ The open season for taking raccoon and opossum ~~shall be~~ is from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- (b) Bag Limits:
  - (1) The daily bag limit for raccoon is three and there are no season and no possession limits.
  - (2) There is no restriction on bag limits for opossum.

~~Note: See 15A NCAC 10B .0111 prohibiting axes, saws and shooting in certain western counties.~~

- ~~(c) Axes or saws shall not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.~~

**15A NCAC 10B .0403 APPLICATION FOR TAGS**

(a) ~~Fur tags shall be distributed~~ issued free of charge, excluding postage if applicable, by completing and submitting in response to a request form to applications made on forms supplied by the Commission. Commission online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

(b) Fur tag requests shall include the following applicant information:

- (1) name, telephone number, email address, and physical address;
- (2) date of birth and driver's license number;
- (3) WRC Customer number; and
- (4) type and quantity of tags requested.

(c) The following restrictions shall apply to fur tags:

- (1) no more than 50 bobcat tags shall be issued per request;
- (2) no more than 150 otter tags shall be issued per request; and
- (3) fox tags may be limited in accordance with area, bag, possession, or season limits.

(b) The fees to be charged for each fur tag are as follows:

Species	Fee
Bobcat	2.20
Otter	2.20

~~(c) Foxes shall be tagged in accordance with G.S. 113-291.4(g). The carcasses or pelts of foxes lawfully taken and lawfully tagged in an area of open fox season, and those taken under a depredation permit, and those taken under a local law that permits foxes to be sold may be sold; provided that this Paragraph shall not authorize the sale of carcasses or pelts of foxes taken under a depredation permit in any county in which the sale of foxes or parts thereof is prohibited by local law.~~

**15A NCAC 10B .0402 TAGGING FURS**

(a) ~~Except as provided in Rule .0404 and .0405 of this Section, it is unlawful to transport or to buy, buying, sell, selling, barter, bartering, trade, trading, or otherwise transfer transferring possession or ownership of the carcass or pelt of any bobcat, ~~otter~~ otter, or fox without having affixed to such carcass or pelt an individual tag provided by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Commission is prohibited. Each such tag shall bear a serial number. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.~~

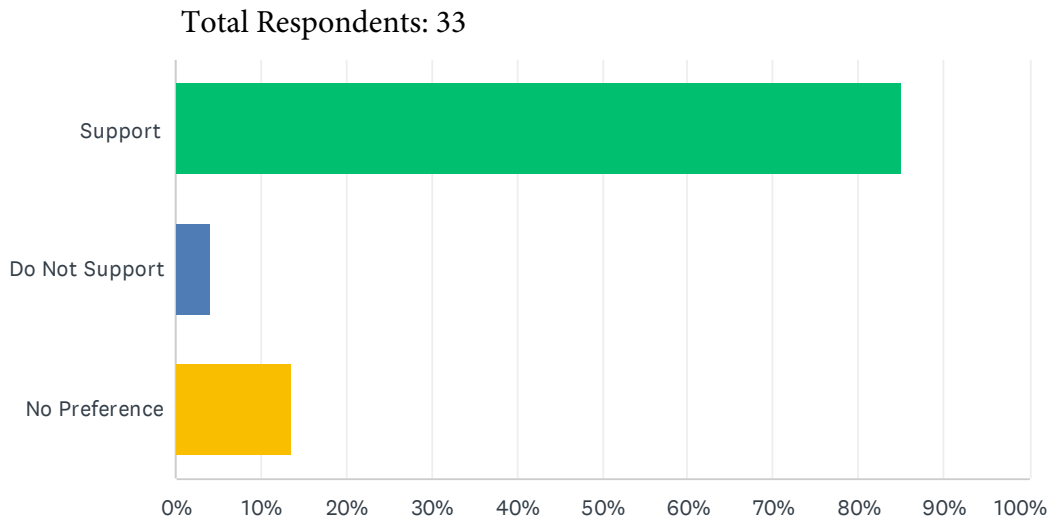
(b) ~~It is unlawful for any person to import Importing into this State State, the carcass or pelt of any otter or bobcat which that has not been previously affixed with a tag required and supplied by the state in which where the animal was taken. taken shall be prohibited. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this Paragraph shall no longer apply.~~

(c) Foxes shall be tagged in accordance with G.S. 113-291.4.

(d) The carcasses or pelts of foxes lawfully taken and lawfully tagged may be sold; except those taken under a depredation permit in any county where the sale of foxes or parts thereof is prohibited by local law.

**Exhibit F-1**  
 Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to  
 Inland Fishing for 2022-2023

**F1 - Clarify the boundaries of Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters on the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County. This proposal will not add or remove any Public Mountain Trout Waters.**



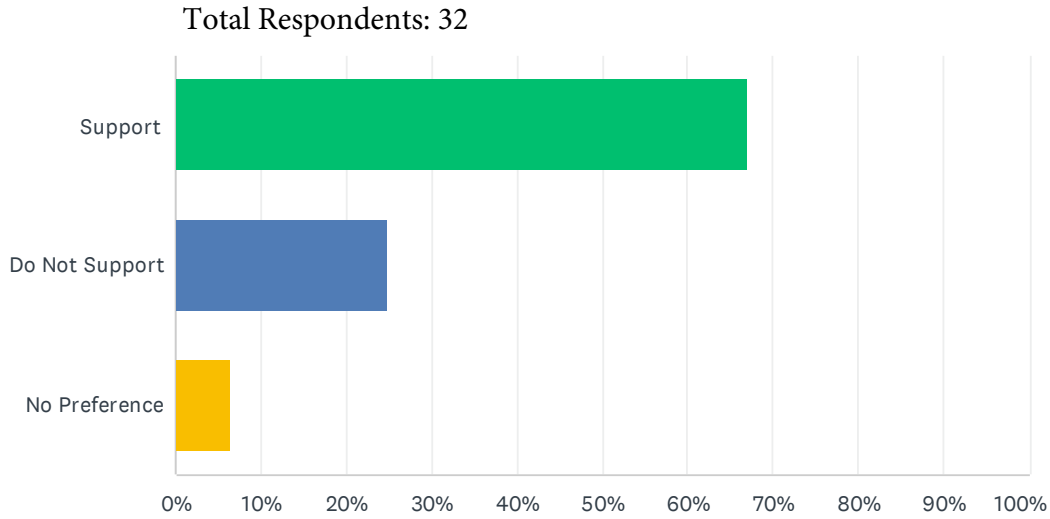
CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	84.85%	28
Do Not Support	3.03%	1
No Preference	12.12%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			1	1	2	1	2	1	6	10	4
<b>Do Not Support</b>					1						
<b>No Preference</b>				2						1	1
<b>TOTAL: 33</b>			1	3	3	1	2	1	6	11	5

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**F2 - Reclassify following waters from Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait to**

Wild Trout Waters: Game lands portions of North Shoal Creek in Cherokee County, Deep Creek in Graham County, Game lands portion of Lower Fowler Creek in Jackson County, Game lands portion of Jarrett Creek in Macon County, Game lands portion of Overflow Creek in Macon County. This proposal will not remove any Public Mountain Trout Waters.

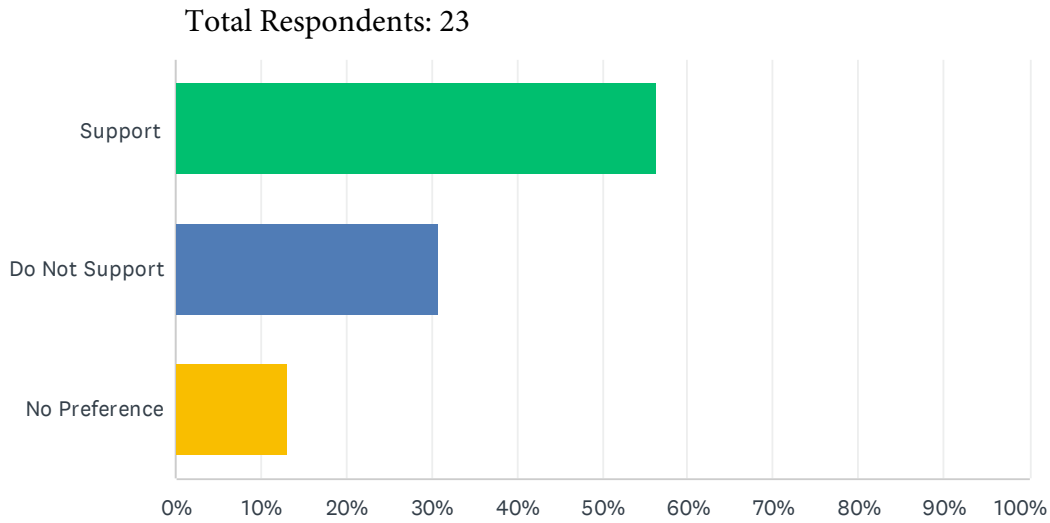


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	68.75%	22
Do Not Support	25.00%	8
No Preference	6.25%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>					1		2	2	5	11	1
<b>Do Not Support</b>			1						2	3	2
<b>No Preference</b>										1	1
<b>TOTAL: 32</b>			1		1		2	2	7	15	4

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**F3-** Modify the lower boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Spring Creek in Madison County. The proposed reach will be from junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to the confluence with Meadow Fork. This proposal will remove 0.9 miles from Public Mountain Trout Waters.



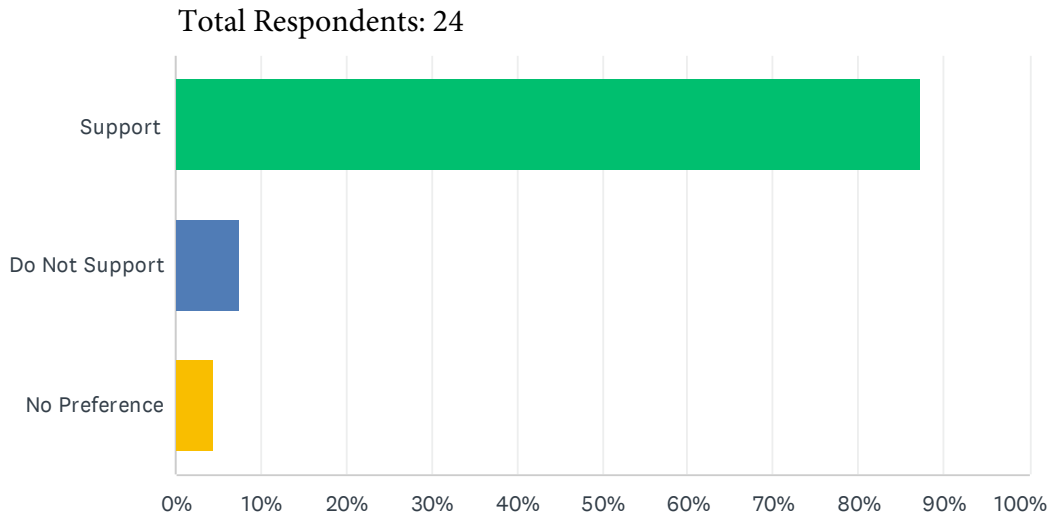
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	56.52%	13
Do Not Support	30.43%	7
No Preference	13.04%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>					1				3	9	
<b>Do Not Support</b>			1						2	2	2
<b>No Preference</b>										2	1
<b>TOTAL: 23</b>			1		1				5	13	3



Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to  
Inland Fishing for 2022-2023

F4 - Modify the upper boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on Helton Creek in Ashe County. The proposed reach will be from 900 yards upstream of SR 1372 bridge to the North Fork New River. This proposal will add approximately 0.5 miles to Public Mountain Trout Waters.

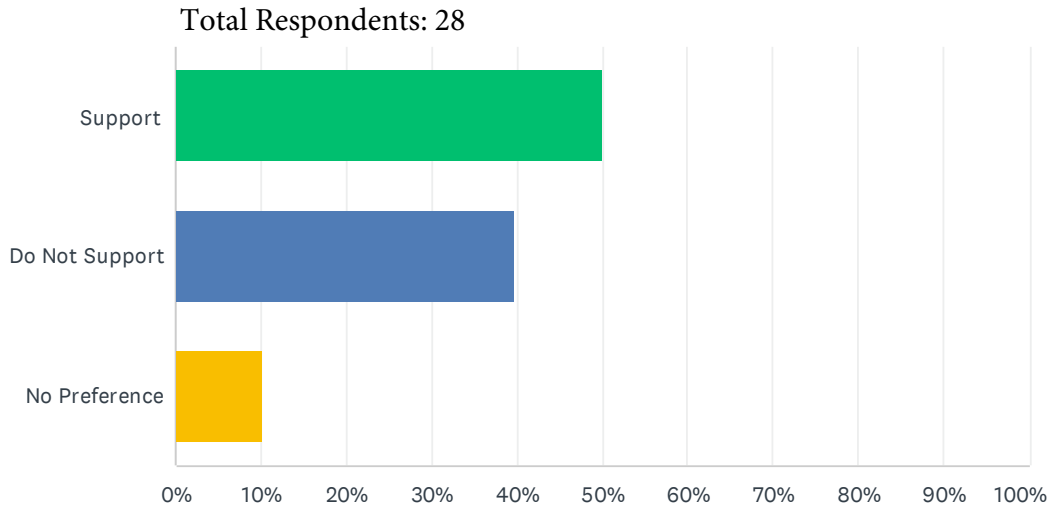


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	87.50%	21
Do Not Support	8.33%	2
No Preference	4.17%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			1		1	1	3	1	2	9	3
<b>Do Not Support</b>										2	
<b>No Preference</b>										1	
<b>TOTAL: 24</b>			1		1	1	3	1	2	12	3

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to  
Inland Fishing for 2022-2023

F5 - Modify the upper boundary of the Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on the Linville River in Avery County. The proposed reach will be from SR 1504 to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing. This change will remove approximately 0.5 miles from Public Mountain Trout Waters.

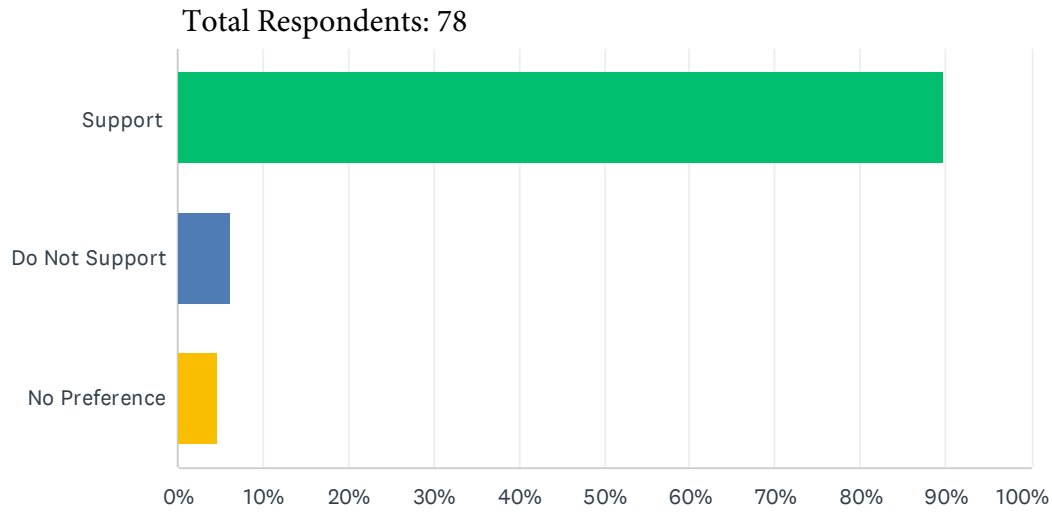


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	50.00%	14
Do Not Support	39.29%	11
No Preference	10.71%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			1			1		2	1	8	1
<b>Do Not Support</b>							1	4	1	3	2
<b>No Preference</b>					1				1	1	
<b>TOTAL: 28</b>			1		1	1	1	6	3	12	3

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to  
Inland Fishing for 2022-2023

**F6** - Increase the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids from 16 inches to 20 inches in Lake Norman. The daily creel limit will remain four fish in combination.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	89.74%	70
Do Not Support	6.41%	5
No Preference	3.85%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	1		2	2	2	8	6	13	4	27	5
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1			1			1	2
<b>No Preference</b>			1							2	
<b>TOTAL: 78</b>	1		3	3	2	8	7	13	4	30	7

# EXHIBIT F-2

February 24, 2021



## Proposed Amendments to Inland Fisheries Rules for 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

### Trout

#### 1. 15A NCAC 10C .0205

Clarify the boundaries of Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters on the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County. This proposal will not add or remove any Public Mountain Trout Waters.

**Justification:** The current description for this reach is unclear because the lower boundary uses the family name of a private landowner, and the Tuckasegee River is more commonly referred to as the East Fork Tuckasegee River.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters(page 3-11)*

#### 2. 15A NCAC 10C .0205

Reclassify the following waters from Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait to Wild Trout Waters:

- Game lands portions of North Shoal Creek in Cherokee County
- Deep Creek in Graham County
- Game lands portion of Lower Fowler Creek in Jackson County
- Game lands portion of Jarrett Creek in Macon County
- Game lands portion of Overflow Creek in Macon County

This proposal will not remove any water from Public Mountain Trout Waters.

**Justification:** The listed waters are currently classified as Wild Trout/Natural Bait. The Wild Trout/Natural Bait classification is similar to the game lands default Wild Trout rules, except anglers are allowed to use natural bait. The natural bait exception is intended to diversify angler opportunity and experience; however, these waters are rarely fished by anglers using natural bait. Therefore, the Wild Trout/Natural Bait classification on the above listed waters adds complexity to Public Mountain Trout Waters regulations without improving the management of the resource.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters(page 3-11)*

#### 3. 15A NCAC 10C .0205

Modify the lower boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Spring Creek in Madison County. The proposed reach will be from junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to the confluence with Meadow Fork. This proposal will remove 0.9 miles from Public Mountain Trout Waters.

**Justification:** The landowner at the current lower Hatchery Supported boundary on Spring Creek has posted their property against trespass and requested that the property be removed from Public Mountain Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters(page 3-11)*

#### 4. 15A NCAC 10C .0205

Modify the upper boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on Helton Creek in Ashe County. The proposed reach will be from 900 yards upstream of SR 1372 bridge to the North Fork New River. This change will add approximately 0.5 miles of water to Public Mountain Trout Waters.

**Justification:** The upper boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on Helton Creek was moved downstream in the 2019-2020 regulation cycle in response to private property on the upper end of the creek being posted against trespassing. The SR 1372 bridge was chosen as the new upper boundary given that it is a recognizable landmark, but after this change was made, the landowner immediately upstream of the SR 1372 bridge requested that the water along their property be added back to Public Mountain Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters(page 3-11)*

**5. 15A NCAC 10C .0205**

Modify the upper boundary of the Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on the Linville River in Avery County. The proposed reach will be from SR 1504 to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing. This change will remove approximately 0.5 miles of water from Public Mountain Trout Waters.

**Justification:** The portion of Linville River from Linville Land Harbor dam to SR 1504 flows through private property posted against trespassing. The landowner contacted fisheries staff to complain about anglers trespassing through their property to access the Linville River. This proposal will help eliminate trespassing conflicts.

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**Striped Bass**

**6. 15A NCAC 10C .0314**

Increase the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids from 16 inches to 20 inches in Lake Norman. The daily creel limit will remain four fish in combination.

**Justification:** Biological data for Lake Norman Hybrid Striped Bass indicate that the population grows at a fast rate within the first 3 years and maintains an above average condition for a Lake Norman fishery. Tagging model data indicate that anglers are harvesting fish at an extremely high rate. Early data analysis indicates that harvest rates are between 60-80% annually. Due to early fast growth and high harvest rates of Hybrid Striped Bass, anglers have requested that the minimum size limit be increased to allow fish to stay in the lake for at least one more year. Biological data indicate that the fishery can sustain this increase in the minimum size limit. It may also allow fish to gain a larger individual size and the overall population size to increase.

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1 virtual public hearing was held on January 20, 2022 with 471 attendees.

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

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

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

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

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

(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

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~~ 900 yards upstream of SR 1372 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank] 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) 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]~~ S.R. 1504 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
  - (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
    - Birchfield Creek
    - Cow Camp Creek
    - Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)
    - Gragg Prong
    - Horse Creek
    - Kentucky Creek
    - North Harper Creek
    - Plumtree Creek
    - Roaring Creek
    - Rockhouse Creek
    - Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)
    - South Harper Creek
    - Webb Prong
- (4) Buncombe County
  - (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
    - Carter Creek (game land portion)
  - (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
    - Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
    - Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
    - Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)

Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)  
Ivy Creek (Ivy River)(Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)  
Lake Powhatan  
Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)  
Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)  
Stony Creek  
Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)

(5) Burke County

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

Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)

Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)

Linville River portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)

(D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:

Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)

(E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in Parts A and B of this Subparagraph

(6) Caldwell County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Boone Fork Pond

Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)

Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)

Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted against trespassing)

Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)

Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)

Rockhouse Creek

(7) Cherokee County

(A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)

Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)

Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)

Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)

Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)

(B) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:

Apalachia Reservoir

(C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:

Bald Creek (game land portion)

Dockery Creek (game land portion)

~~North Shoal Creek (game land portion)~~

(8) Clay County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Fires Creek (Rockhouse Creek to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)

Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)

Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)



- (9) Graham County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
(Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)  
Cheoah Reservoir  
Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)  
Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeetlah)  
(Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)  
Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)  
Tulula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)  
West Buffalo Creek  
Yellow Creek (Lake Santeetlah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
Little Buffalo Creek  
South Fork Squally Creek  
Squally Creek
- (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
~~Deep Creek~~  
Long Creek (game land portion)
- (10) Haywood County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)  
Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against trespassing)  
Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)  
Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)  
West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands, except Middle Prong)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
Hurricane Creek
- (11) Henderson County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
(Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)  
Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)  
Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)  
Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)  
(Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)
- (12) Jackson County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
Flat Creek  
(East Fork) Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property) (game lands portion upstream of Tanasee Creek Lake, including Duke Energy powerline corridor)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Balsam Lake  
Bear Creek Lake  
Cedar Cliff Lake  
Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)  
Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)  
Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)

Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)  
 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against trespassing)  
 Tanasee Creek Lake  
 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)  
 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)  
 Wolf Creek Lake

- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Gage Creek  
 North Fork Scott Creek  
 Tanasee Creek  
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)  
 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)

- (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)  
~~Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)~~  
 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)

(13) Macon County

- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)  
 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)  
 Cliffside Lake  
 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)  
 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)  
 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)  
 Queens Creek Lake
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)  
~~Jarrett Creek (game land portion)~~  
 Kimsey Creek  
~~Overflow Creek (game land portion)~~  
 Park Creek  
 Tellico Creek (game land portion)  
 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)

(14) Madison County

- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)  
 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)  
 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Ave.)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Big Laurel Creek (Puncheon Fork to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.] bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)  
 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)  
 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)  
 Max Patch Pond  
 Meadow Fork (Meadow Fork Campground to Spring Creek)  
 Puncheon Fork (Wolf Laurel Branch to Big Laurel Creek)  
 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)  
 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)  
 Shut-in Creek  
 Spillcorn Creek  
 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to ~~USFS Rd. 223~~ the confluence with Meadow Fork)  
 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-in Creek)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:

- Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)
- (15) McDowell County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
Newberry Creek (game land portion)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)  
Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)  
Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)  
Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)  
Little Buck Creek (game land portion)  
North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
- (16) Mitchell County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)  
North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)  
Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)  
East Fork Grassy Creek  
Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)  
Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against trespassing)  
North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against trespassing)  
Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespassing)  
Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (17) Polk County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)  
North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
- (18) Rutherford County
- (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
(Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
- (19) Stokes County
- (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)
- (20) Surry County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Ararat River (portion adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway)  
Mitchell River (0.6 miles upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the lowermost bridge on S.R. 1330)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)  
Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])  
Fisher River (Cooper Creek)(Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)  
Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)  
Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)  
Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- (21) Swain County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:  
Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)

- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)  
 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)  
 Cheoah Reservoir  
 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)  
 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)  
 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- (22) Transylvania County
  - (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)
  - (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
 East Fork French Broad River (East Fork Baptist Church to the downstream S.R. 1107 bridge)  
 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
  - (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)  
 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork)  
 French Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area  
 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)  
 West Fork French Broad River (S.R. 1312 to confluence with North Fork French Broad River)
  - (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
 All waters located on Gorges State Park  
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
  - (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)  
 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against trespassing)
- (23) Watauga County
  - (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding tributaries)  
 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake)
  - (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
 Lake Coffey  
 Watauga River – upper (S.R.1114 bridge to the Valle Crucis Community Park lower boundary)  
 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 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:  
 Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 197 bridge)  
 Lickskillet Creek  
 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;  
 Eff. February 1, 1976;  
 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; October 1, 1992;  
 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;  
 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;  
 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;  
 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*

*Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);  
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, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013;  
August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1,  
2005;  
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;  
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### 15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS

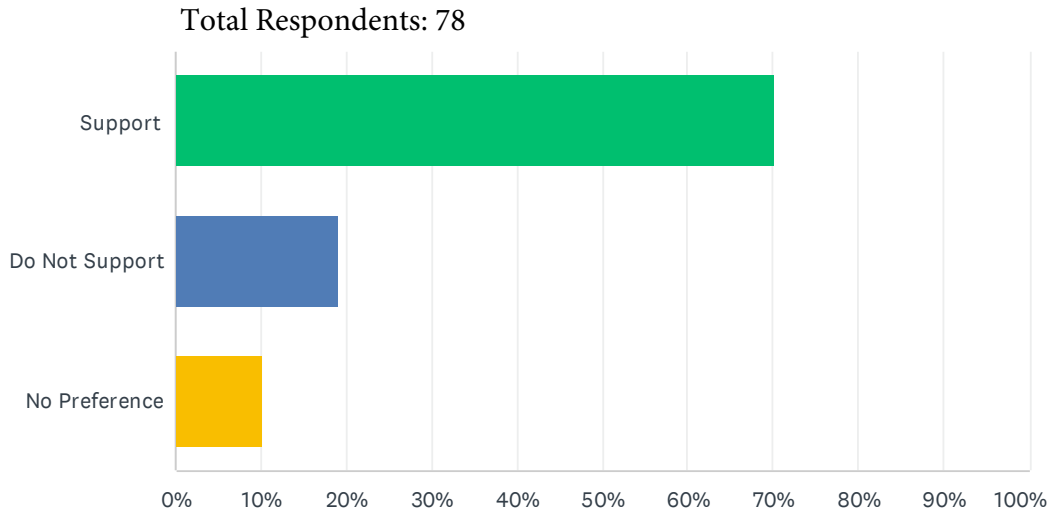
- (a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (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 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~~ one 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 their tributaries), the Striped Bass fishing season, size limits, and creel limits are the same as those established by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
- (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-and-line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2013;  
Amended Eff. June 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;  
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; August 1, 2020.*

## Exhibit G-1

### Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G1** - Make the temporary changes to 10D .0103 permanent and move specific game lands to their own rules.



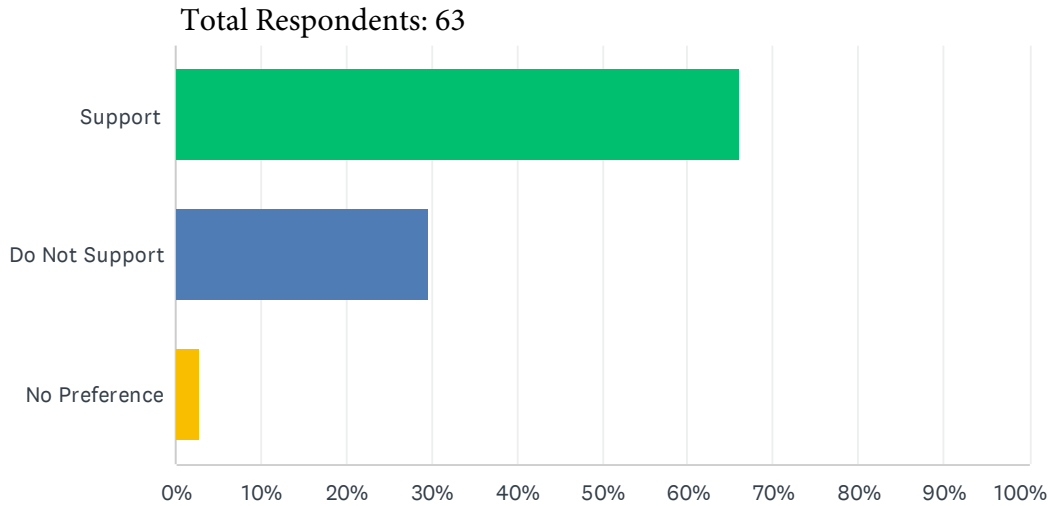
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	70.5%	55
Do Not Support	19.23%	15
No Preference	10.26%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>	2		5	3	5	3	2	4	5	20	6
<b>Do Not Support</b>	1				1	1				4	8
<b>No Preference</b>			1			1			2	2	2
<b>TOTAL: 78</b>	3		6	3	6	5	2	4	7	26	16



Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G2** - Update NCAC language to include Sundays between season transitions as an allowable day to hunt, and make it consistent with the adopted rule change allowing Sunday hunting on Buffalo Cove and South Mountain game lands.

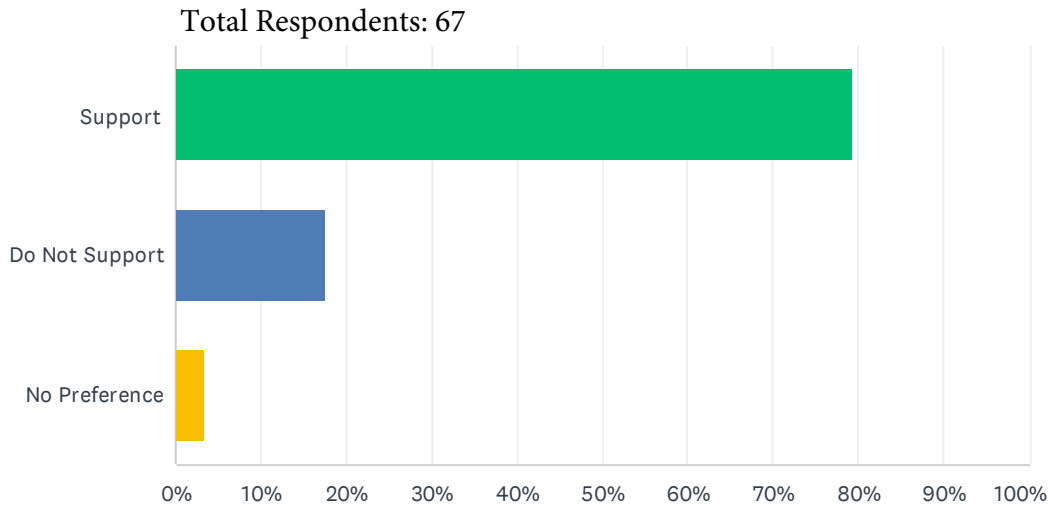


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	66.67%	42
Do Not Support	30.16%	19
No Preference	3.17%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			3	1	3	2	3	10	4	11	5
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	1	1	1		3	5	7
<b>No Preference</b>									1	1	
<b>TOTAL: 63</b>			3	2	4	3	4	10	8	17	12

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**G3 - Prohibit alcohol and fires on the Lutz Tract and Wilson Creek portions of Pisgah Game Lands.**

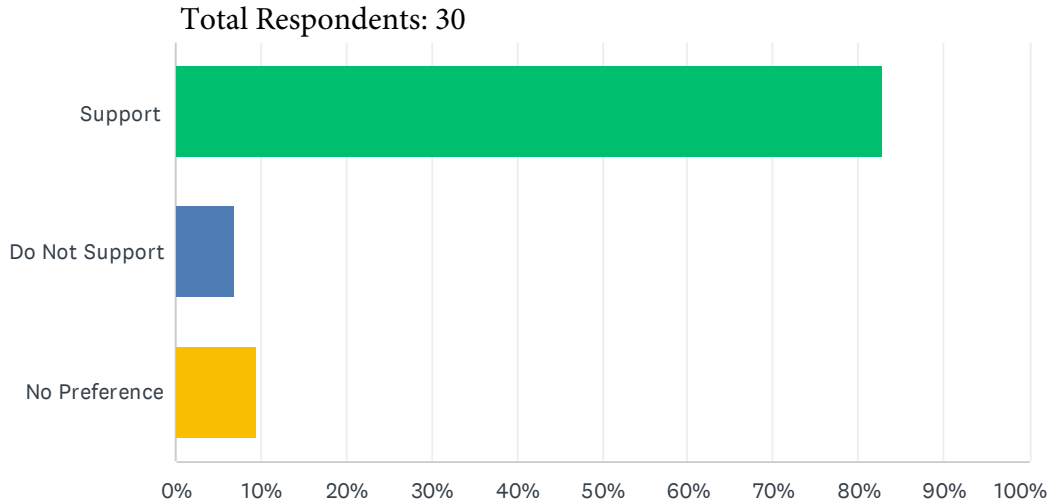


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	79.10%	53
Do Not Support	17.91%	12
No Preference	2.99%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>67</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			1	3	4	3	2	9	10	15	6
<b>Do Not Support</b>			1	1	1		1	1		4	3
<b>No Preference</b>					1					1	
<b>TOTAL: 67</b>			2	4	6	3	3	10	10	20	9

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G4** - Remove language regarding entry into posted waterfowl impoundments and clarify the use and construction of permanent hunting blinds.

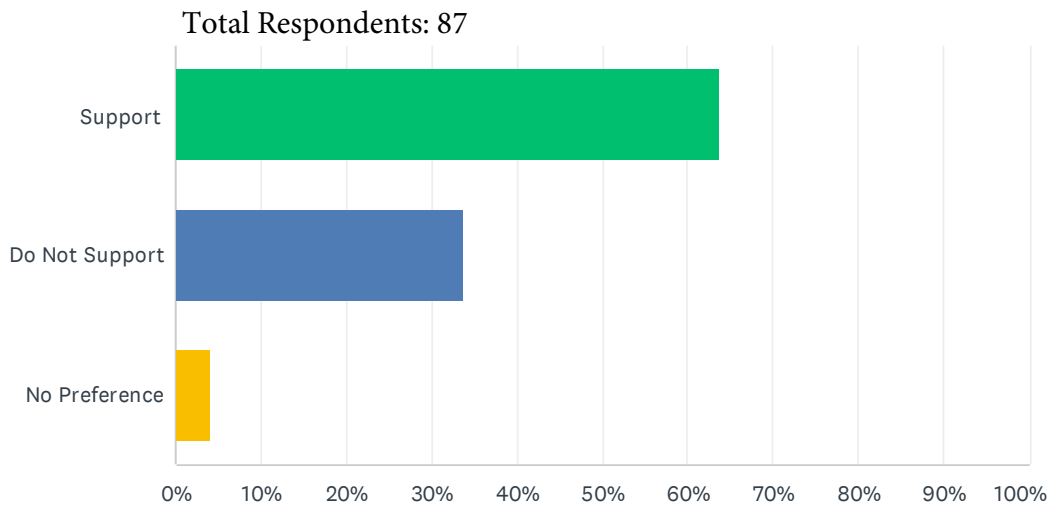


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	83.33%	25
Do Not Support	6.67%	2
No Preference	10.00%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			2	1	2	1	1	2	2	10	4
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	1						
<b>No Preference</b>			1							1	1
<b>TOTAL: 30</b>			3	2	3	1	1	2	2	11	5

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
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**G5 - Prohibit target shooting on Buffalo Cove, Dupont State Forest, Green River, South Mountains, Johns River, and Pisgah WRC game lands.**

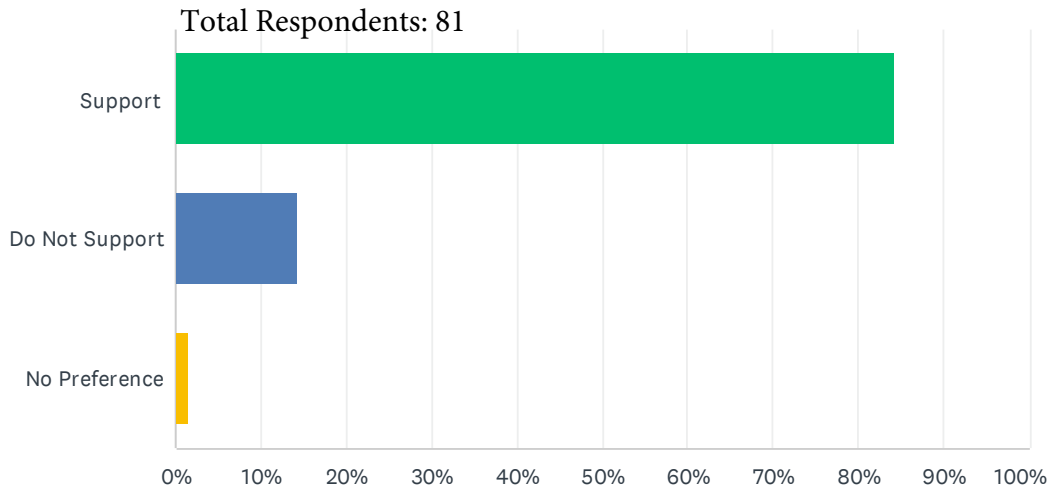


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	63.22%	55
Do Not Support	33.33%	29
No Preference	3.45%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>87</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			3	2	4	4	3	3	11	17	8
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	1	1	1	5	8	9	3
<b>No Preference</b>								1	1	1	
<b>TOTAL: 87</b>			3	3	5	5	4	9	20	27	11

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**G6** - Add a 2,340-acre property in Wilkes and Caldwell Counties, owned by the NC Dept of Agriculture, to the game land program, name this property Kings Creek Game Land, establish this game land as a six-day-per-week area, establish the Western Deer Zone season, and establish an Introductory Either-sex season.

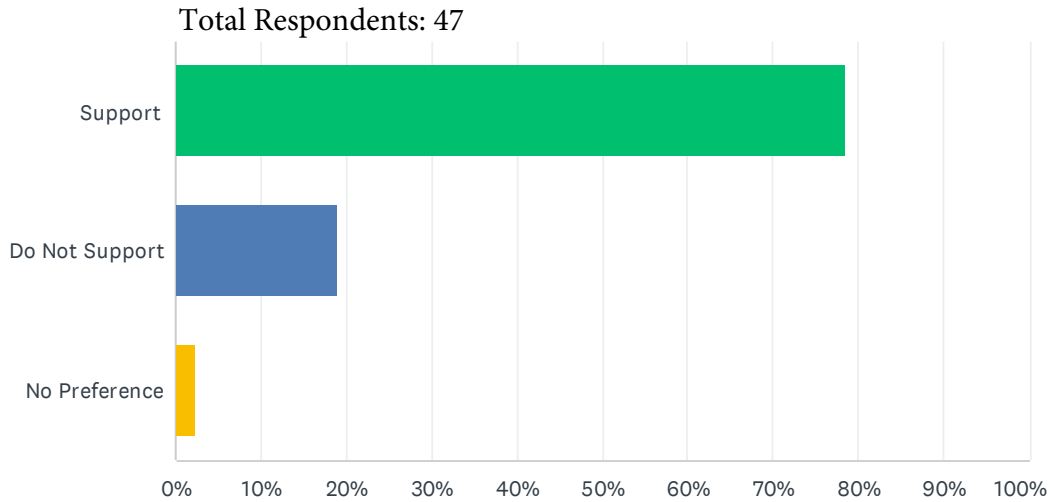


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	81.48%	66
Do Not Support	17.28%	14
No Preference	1.23%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			4	4	4	3	9	9	9	17	7
<b>Do Not Support</b>				1	3	1		1	2	2	4
<b>No Preference</b>										1	
<b>TOTAL: 81</b>			4	5	7	4	9	10	11	20	11

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G7 - Restrict camping at designated camping areas on South Mountains Game Land to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 and limit the maximum number of consecutive days stayed at a designated campsite to 14 days.**

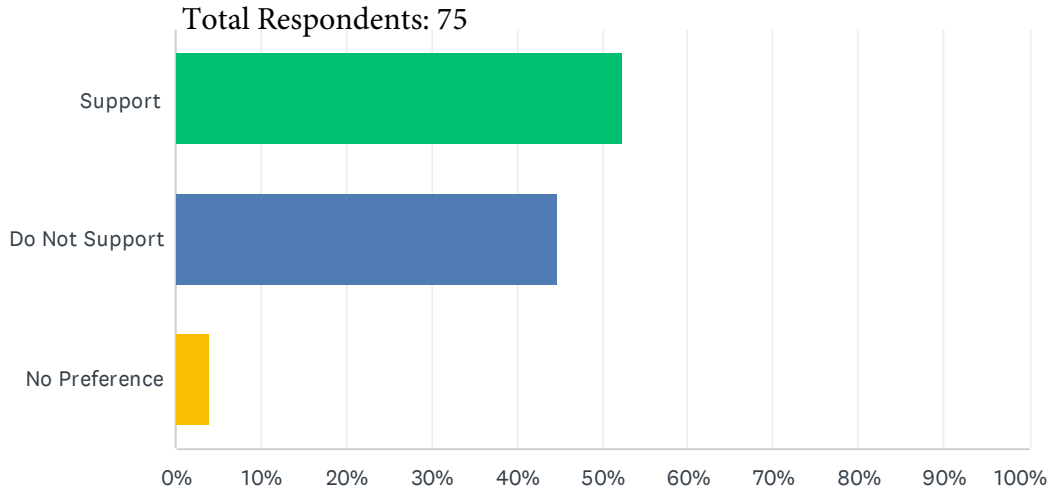


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	78.72%	37
Do Not Support	19.15%	9
No Preference	2.13%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			2	2	1	4	2	6	6	10	4
<b>Do Not Support</b>					2		1	1	1	3	1
<b>No Preference</b>										1	
<b>TOTAL: 47</b>			2	2	3	4	3	7	7	14	5

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
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**G8 - Allow hunting and trapping on Johns River Waterfowl Refuge.**

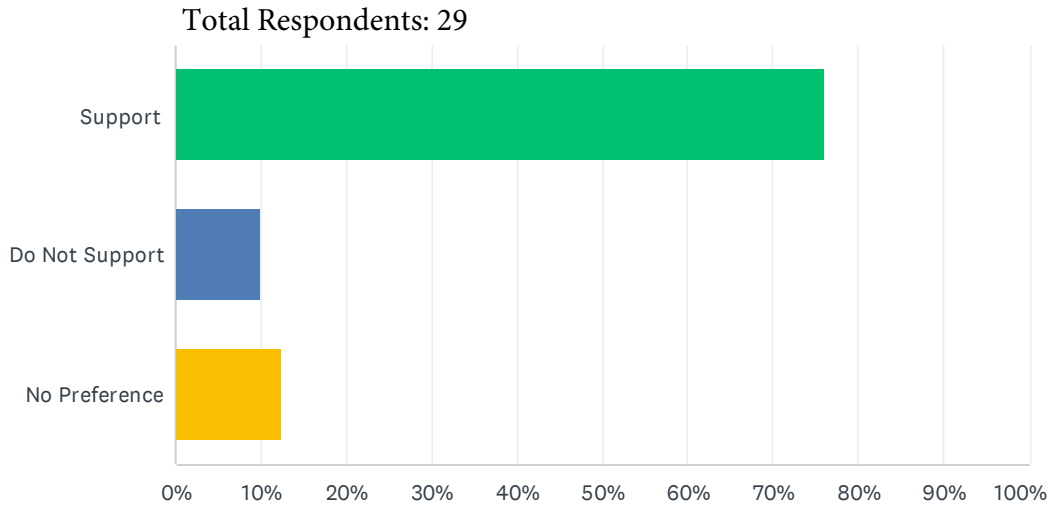


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	52.00%	39
Do Not Support	45.33%	34
No Preference	2.67%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			1	2	3	2	2	6	5	13	5
<b>Do Not Support</b>			2	1	3	1	1		5	6	15
<b>No Preference</b>										1	1
<b>TOTAL: 75</b>			3	3	6	3	3	6	10	20	21

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G9** - Add a “Scouting-only Zone” at the Spring Creek Impoundment on Goose Creek Game Land and limit all activities at this impoundment except waterfowl hunting and trapping to within this area during the period of November 1 through March 15.



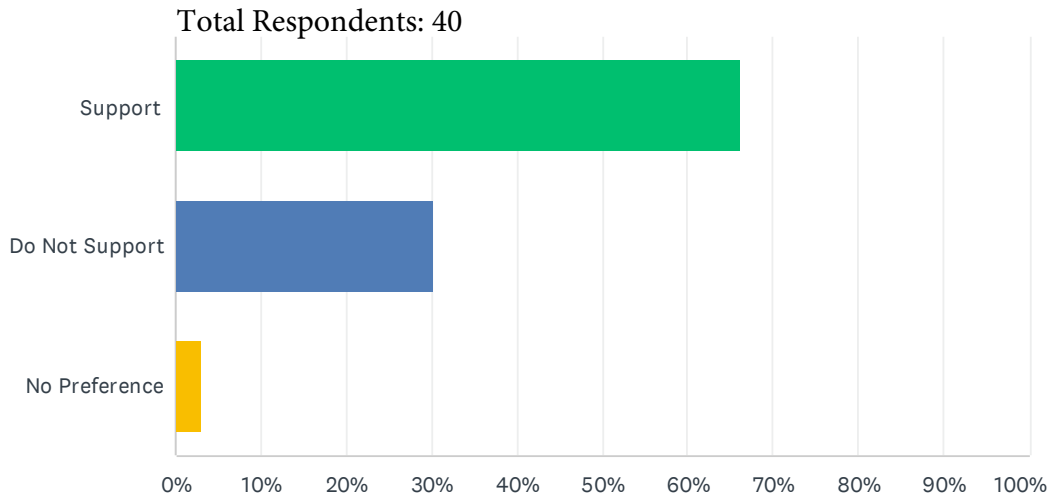
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Support	75.86% 22
Do Not Support	10.34% 3
No Preference	13.79% 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			4	1	2	2			2	9	2
<b>Do Not Support</b>					1					1	1
<b>No Preference</b>										2	2
<b>TOTAL: 29</b>			4	1	3	2			2	12	5



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**G10** - Clarify that any organized activities or events at Commission-owned or managed Boating Access Areas will require a permit.

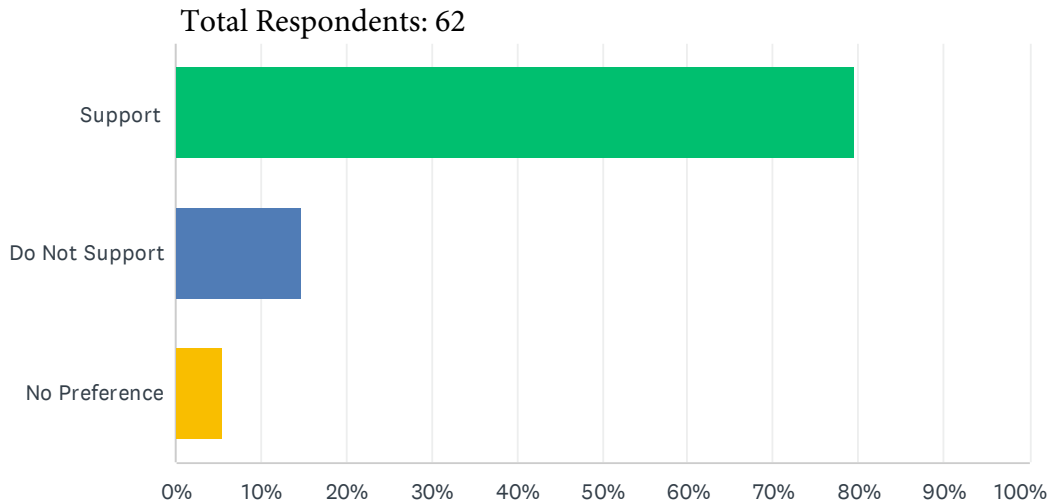


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	67.50%	27
Do Not Support	30.00%	12
No Preference	2.50%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			2	1	2	3		1	1	13	4
<b>Do Not Support</b>			1		1		1		2	5	2
<b>No Preference</b>										1	
<b>TOTAL: 40</b>			3	1	3	3	1	1	3	19	6

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G11** - Clarify that fishing is the only allowable use of a Public Fishing Area, unless posted otherwise.

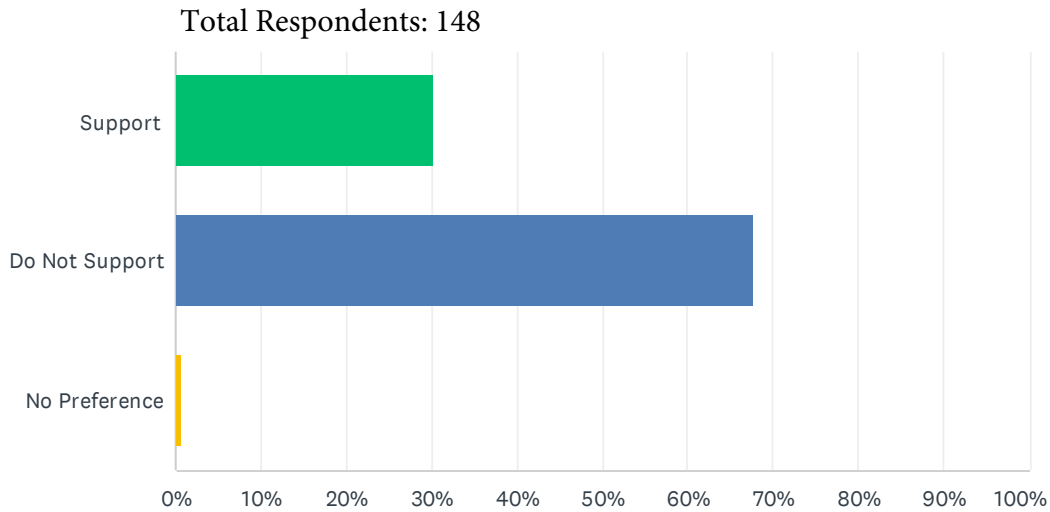


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	79.63%	50
Do Not Support	14.81%	9
No Preference	5.56%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			2	3	3	3	2	5	7	18	7
<b>Do Not Support</b>			2	1			1	1		3	1
<b>No Preference</b>									1	2	
<b>TOTAL: 62</b>			4	4	3	3	3	6	8	23	8

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G12** - Create a Designated Camping Area on the Jordan Game Land to allow hunter camping during open hunting seasons. Camping will be restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31–May 14.

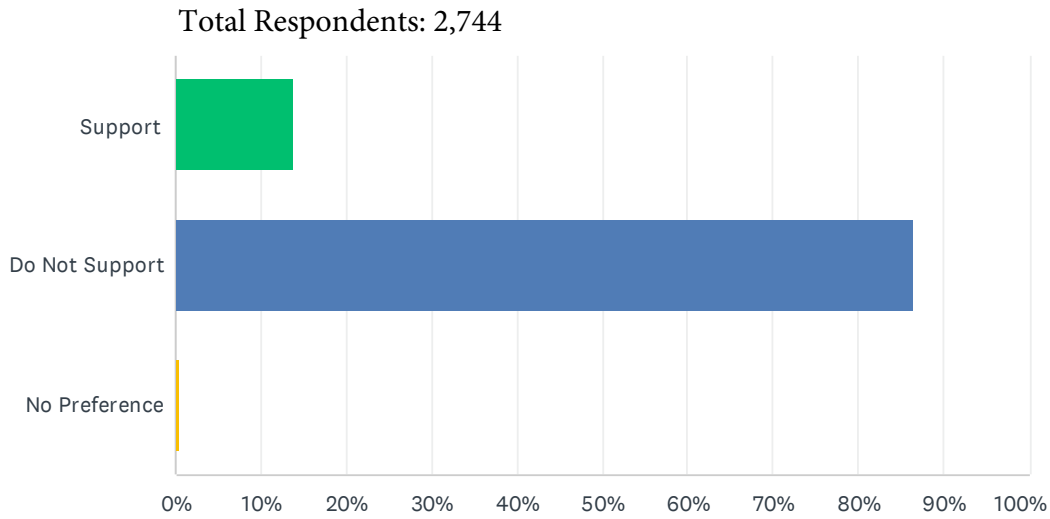


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	30.41%	45
Do Not Support	68.92%	102
No Preference	0.68%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>148</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			5	2	5	1	3	2	3	17	7
<b>Do Not Support</b>			1	1	73				1	21	5
<b>No Preference</b>										1	
<b>TOTAL: 148</b>			6	3	78	1	3	2	4	39	12

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes  
to Land and Water Access for 2022-2023

**G13** -Allow permit hunt opportunities on Panthertown – Bonas Defeat, Pisgah, and Standing Indian Bear Sanctuaries in the Mountain Bear Management Unit.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Support	13.48% 370
Do Not Support	86.18% 2,365
No Preference	0.30% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,744</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NC Not Specified	Out of State	Not Disclosed
<b>Support</b>	4		18	5	9	5	10	28	163	129		
<b>Do Not Support</b>	9	2	38	8	67	65	25	40	737	265	714	394
<b>No Preference</b>								1	3	2	3	
<b>TOTAL: 2,744</b>	13	2	56	13	76	70	35	69	903	396	717	394

# EXHIBIT G-2b

February 24, 2021



## Proposed Amendments to Land and Water Access Rules for 2022-2023 Annual Cycle - Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

### 1. 15A NCAC 10D .0103

Make the temporary changes to 10D .0103 permanent and move specific game lands to their own rules.

**Justification:** Proposed rule changes must be noticed on the correct version of a rule. Because there are currently two versions of 10D .0103, one temporary and one at the General Assembly, and the agency is unsure if/how the rule at the General Assembly will be handled, the temporary version of the rule will allow the agency to maintain what is currently in the code. Additionally, specific game lands that had changes during the last annual cycle and those that will be amended during this annual cycle are being split out so that each game land has its own separate rule. This will make amendments to individual game lands easier in the future.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 4-17)*

### 2. 15A NCAC 10D .0209 & 15A NCAC 10D .0276

Update NCAC language to include Sundays between season transitions as an allowable day to hunt, and make it consistent with the adopted rule change allowing Sunday hunting on Buffalo Cove and South Mountain game lands.

**Justification:** A rule change was adopted allowing Sunday hunting on Buffalo Cove and South Mountains game lands. Current language does not include Sundays between season transitions as an allowable day to hunt.

*15A NCAC 10D .0209 Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties (Page 18)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0276 South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford Counties (page 18)*

### 3. 15A NCAC 10D .0260

Prohibit alcohol and fires on the Lutz Tract and Wilson Creek portions of Pisgah Game Lands.

**Justification:** The Wilson Creek corridor is one of the most heavily used portions of Pisgah game lands. NCWRC owns a small portion of the game land and river corridor (approx. 2 miles of river and 700ac of land) in the area with the remainder of the greater Pisgah Game Land being owned by the USFS. Currently fires and alcohol are prohibited on the USFS portion of the game land within the Wilson Creek corridor. This rule change would bring the entire game land in that area under the same regulation structure and be less confusing for the public.

*15A NCAC 10D .0260 Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, And Yancey Counties (page 18)*

**4. 15A NCAC 10D .0239**

Remove language regarding entry into posted waterfowl impoundments and clarify the use and construction of permanent hunting blinds.

**Justification:** Due to permeability issues the construction of waterfowl impoundments was abandoned, so Johns River game land does not currently have any. To avoid further confusion, language regarding posted waterfowl impoundments needs to be removed, and needs to clarify the use of permanent hunting blinds. Johns River currently has several permanent disabled accessible hunting blinds, and questions regarding legal use has been asked by users.

*15A NCAC 10D .0239 Johns River Game Land in Burke County (page 19)*

**5. 15A NCAC 10D .0209, .0226, .0230, .0239, .0260, .0276**

Prohibit target shooting on Buffalo Cove, Dupont State Forest, Green River, South Mountains, Johns River, and Pisgah WRC game lands.

**Justification:** McDowell County is currently in the process of constructing a shooting range with plans for completion within a year. With the McDowell County shooting range, in addition to the Foothills Shooting Complex located in Cleveland County, users will be provided with safer target shooting alternatives that are located within proximity to these game lands. Buffalo Cove, Dupont State Forest, Green River, South Mountains, Johns River, and Pisgah WRC game lands are all located within 45 miles of the proposed McDowell County shooting range. This proposal will provide a safer game land experience for all user groups. Target shooting also has a negative impact on the game lands including but not limited to trash and spent shells being left behind, damage to trees used as a target backstop, and indiscriminate introduction of lead into the environment.

*15A NCAC 10D .0209 Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties (page 19)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0226 DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania Counties (page 19)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0230 Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk Counties (page 19)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0239 Johns River Game Land in Burke County (page 19)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0260 Pisgah Game Land In Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, And Yancey Counties (page 20)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0276 South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford Counties (page 20)*

**6. 15A NCAC 10D .0243**

Add a 2,340-acre property in Wilkes and Caldwell Counties, owned by the NC Dept of Agriculture, to the game land program, name this property Kings Creek Game Land, establish this game land as a six-day-per-week area, establish the Western Deer Zone season, and establish an Introductory Either-sex season.

**Justification:** The addition of Kings Creek Game Land will provide great opportunity and will fill the need for a game land in this area of the state, especially for user groups in the surrounding municipalities such as Lenoir.

*15A NCAC 10D .0243 Kings Creek Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties (page 20)*

**7. 15A NCAC 10D .0276**

Restrict camping at designated camping areas on South Mountains Game Land to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 and limit the maximum number of consecutive days stayed at a designated campsite to 14 days.

**Justification:** Restricting camping to only dates within the hunting seasons will eliminate a large portion of illegal activity occurring on the game land, decrease the amount of maintenance at these areas, and make South Mountains Game Land consistent with other game lands. Establishing a 14-day limit to camping will work to cut down on homesteading issues that are currently happening at South Mountains Game Land.

*15A NCAC 10D .0276 South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford Counties (page 21)*

**8. 15A NCAC 10D .0103 & 10D .0102**

Allow hunting and trapping on Johns River Waterfowl Refuge.

**Justification:** The adjacent Johns River Game Land has a variety of wetland and aquatic/riparian habitat suitable for waterfowl and is a "Permit Only" game land thus providing substantially more resting, brood rearing and feeding habitat for waterfowl than the original 57 acres of the refuge. Areas outside of the Johns River Waterfowl Refuge on Lake Rhodhiss are subject to waterfowl hunting and is a popular hunting destination for local waterfowl hunters. The addition of Johns River Game Land adjacent to the refuge have made the burden to identify boundaries on hunters and trappers unnecessary when compared to the minimal protection the refuge provides for waterfowl.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 21)*

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General Regulations Regarding Use (page 22-25)*

**9. 15A NCAC 10D .0229**

Add a "Scouting-only Zone" at the Spring Creek Impoundment on Goose Creek Game Land and limit all activities at this impoundment except waterfowl hunting and trapping to within this area during the period of November 1 through March 15.

**Justification:** This addition will decrease waterfowl disturbance on Spring Creek Impoundment and would make existing signage enforceable.

*15A NCAC 10D .0229 Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico Counties (page 26)*

**10. 15A NCAC 10E .0104**

Clarify that any organized activities or events at Commission-owned or managed Boating Access Areas will require a permit.

**Justification:** Individuals or organizations planning activities and events that include Commission-owned boating access areas are to apply for a boating access area permit.

*15A NCAC 10E .0104 Use of Areas Regulated (page 27)*

**11. 15A NCAC 10E .0104**

Clarify that fishing is the only allowable use of a Public Fishing Areas, unless posted otherwise.

**Justification:** Allows Public Fishing Areas to be better enforced.

*15A NCAC 10E .0104 Use of Areas Regulated (page 27)*

**12. 15A NCAC 10D .0240**

Create a Designated Camping Area on the Jordan Game Land to allow hunter camping during open hunting seasons. Camping will be restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 – May 14.

**Justification:** There are no designated hunter camping areas elsewhere on game lands in the local vicinity. The nearest hunter camping area is about 20 miles (40 minutes) away on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Granville County.

*15A NCAC 10D .0240 Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, Wake Counties (page 28)*

**13. 15A NCAC 10D .0106**

Allow permit hunt opportunities on Panthertown – Bonas Defeat, Pisgah, and Standing Indian designated bear management areas in the Mountain Bear Management Unit.

**Justification:** The US Forest Service has requested that Panthertown – Bonas Defeat Designated Bear Management Area be opened to permit hunt opportunities due to increased human-bear interactions occurring on both forest service property and adjacent private property. The population management objective in the Mountain Bear Management Unit is to stabilize the population. Additional harvest using the permit hunt system in these areas will help with reaching that objective.

*15A NCAC 10D .0106 Bear Sanctuaries (page 29)*

\*Yellow highlights in 10D .0200 rules are changes proposed this cycle.

**15A NCAC 10D .0103 ~~HUNTING ON GAME LANDS~~ GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;
- (B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
- (C) 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, and
- (D) hunting migratory game birds.

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

(e) Definitions:

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



- (5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- (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) ~~Aleoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties~~
    - (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 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 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 three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.~~
  - (3) ~~Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender 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) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
  - (4) ~~Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington 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.~~
  - (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 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.~~
  - (8) ~~Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County~~
    - (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
    - (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
  - ~~(10)~~ ~~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 three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days of the second week 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 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~— Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (D) ~~— 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.~~
- (12) ~~Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson 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.~~
- (13)(12) ~~Butner Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties~~
  - (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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~— Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
    - (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, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~~~On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.~~~~
  - (D) ~~— Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
  - (E) ~~— Target shooting is prohibited.~~
  - (F) ~~— Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.~~
  - (G) ~~— The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.~~
  - (H) ~~— The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.~~
  - (I) ~~— 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.~~
  - (J) ~~— Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains to Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.~~
- (14)(11) ~~Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare 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 through the first Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~— Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (15) ~~Cape Fear River Wetlands 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) ~~— Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.~~
  - (D) ~~— The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.~~
  - (E) ~~— Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (16) ~~Carteret County Game Land in Carteret 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~— The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
  - (D) ~~— Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.~~
- (17) ~~R. Wayne Bailey Caswell Game Land in Caswell 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) ~~Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
- (D) ~~The area encompassed by the following roads is permit only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 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) ~~Chatham Game Land in Chatham 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
  - (D) ~~Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.~~
  - (E) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (19) ~~Chowan Game Land in Chowan County~~
  - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
  - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (20) ~~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 three hunting days during the November bear season and the 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) ~~Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County~~
  - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
  - (B) ~~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.~~
  - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (22) ~~Columbus County Game Land in Columbus 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) ~~Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.~~
- (23) ~~Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones 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) ~~Waterfowl 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 day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.~~
  - (E) ~~Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.~~

- (24) ~~Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
  - (B) ~~Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.~~
  - (C) ~~Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.~~
  - (D) ~~The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
  - (E) ~~Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.~~
  - (F) ~~No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.~~
  - (G) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
- (25)(22) ~~Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
  - (B) ~~Deer hunting is by permit only.~~
  - (C) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
  - (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.~~
  - (E) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (26) ~~Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties~~
- (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 through the first Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.~~
  - (D) ~~The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.~~
- (27)(24) ~~Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
  - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
- (28)(27) ~~DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties~~
- (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
  - (B) ~~The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.~~
- (29) ~~Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga 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 through the first Friday thereafter.~~
- (30) ~~Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties~~
- (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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
  - (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (31) ~~Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico 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) ~~Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl 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)~~ 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)~~(27) 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)~~ Gull Rock 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.
- (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 three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- ~~(35)~~ Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- (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 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)~~(30) 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)~~(31) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- ~~(38)~~(32) 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) Hyco Game land in Person 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(40)~~(34) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- ~~(41) 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) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake 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) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
    - ~~(i) Mondays, Wednesdays, 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) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older must shall obtain who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license. license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.~~
  - ~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
  - ~~(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.~~
  - ~~(G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.~~
- ~~(43) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties~~
  - ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
  - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
  - ~~(C) 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.~~
- ~~(44)~~(36) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
  - (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
  - (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
  - (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
  - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
  - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

- (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- ~~(45)~~(37) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington 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) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
  - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
  - (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- ~~(46)~~ Lee Game Land in Lee 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(47)~~ Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico 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.~~
- ~~(48)~~ Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
  - ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
  - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- ~~(49)~~ Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
  - ~~(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 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.~~
- ~~(50)~~ Mayo Game Land in Person 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 
    - ~~(i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
    - ~~(ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and~~
    - ~~(iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~~~
  - ~~(D) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(51)~~ Mitchell River Game Land in Surry 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) 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.~~
- ~~(52)~~ Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania 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 in that portion located in Transylvania County.~~
- ~~(53)~~ Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
  - ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
  - ~~(B) 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.~~
  - ~~(C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.~~
- ~~(54)~~(46) Neuse River Game Land in Craven 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) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land that lies west of NC-43.
- ~~(55)~~ New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell 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.~~
- ~~(56)~~ Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
  - ~~(A) Three Days per Week Area~~

- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Friday before Thanksgiving Day.~~
- (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday thereafter.~~
- (D) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.~~
- (E) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (F) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- (G) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- (H) ~~On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:~~
  - (i) ~~Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and~~
  - (ii) ~~Swimming.~~
- (I) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (57) ~~North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck 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) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
  - (D) ~~Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.~~
- (58) ~~Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck 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) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
- (59) ~~Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties~~
  - (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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - (C) ~~Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US 74.~~
  - (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
  - (E) ~~Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the following times:~~
    - (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) ~~Perkins Game Land in Davie County~~
  - (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 from November 1 through January 1.~~
  - (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (61) ~~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 Tableroek 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) ~~Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe 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 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)(54) ~~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)~~(55) 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.
- ~~(65)~~(56) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
  - (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- ~~(66)~~(57) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
  - (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
  - (C) 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, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
  - (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(67)~~(58) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(68)~~ Robeson Game Land in Robeson 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.
- ~~(69)~~(60) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
  - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
  - (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
  - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
  - (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
  - (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
  - (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(70)~~(61) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(71)~~ Sampson Game Land in Sampson 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)~~ Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(72)~~ Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
  - (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:
    - (i) deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
    - (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
    - (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
    - (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
    - ~~(v)~~ waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
    - (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and
    - (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.

- ~~(C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.~~
- ~~(D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day 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 archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday 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.~~
- ~~(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) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties~~
  - ~~(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 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)(65) 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)(66) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.~~
- ~~(76) Shooco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties~~
  - ~~(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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
  - ~~(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) Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(77) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties~~
  - ~~(A) Six 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.~~

- ~~(C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- ~~(D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
 
  - ~~(i) January 2 through March 31;~~
  - ~~(ii) May 16 through August 31;~~
  - ~~(iii) Sundays only April 1 through May 15; and~~
  - ~~(iv) Sundays only September 1 through January 1.~~~~
- ~~(78) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow 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) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.~~
  - ~~(D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.~~
  - ~~(E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments 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.~~~~
  - ~~(F) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
  - ~~(G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.~~~~
- ~~(79)~~(69) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
  - (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
  - (B) 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.
  - (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
    - (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
    - (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
  - (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
  - (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- ~~(80) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
 
  - ~~(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 through the first Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Target shooting is prohibited.~~~~
- ~~(81)~~(71) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County
  - (A) Hunting is by permit only
  - (B) Target Shooting is prohibited
- ~~(82)~~(72) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- ~~(83) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe 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 through the first Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) Horseback riding is prohibited.~~~~
- ~~(84) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
 
  - ~~(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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(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. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
  - ~~(D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.~~~~
- ~~(85) Tillery game Land in Halifax 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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~~~

- ~~(C) — Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- ~~(D) — The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- ~~(E) — Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- ~~(F) — Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(86) — Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania 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 except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- ~~(87) — Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties~~
  - ~~(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 through the second Friday thereafter.~~
  - ~~(C) — On the posted waterfowl impoundment, 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) — Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~~~
  - ~~(D) — Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.~~
- ~~(88)(78) Vance Game Land in Vance 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) — The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.~~
- ~~(89) — Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington 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 may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.~~
- ~~(90)(80) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County~~
  - ~~(A) — Hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
  - ~~(B) — Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(91)(81) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow 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 as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl 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, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.~~
  - ~~(E) — The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
    - ~~(i) — access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);~~
    - ~~(ii) — hunting is by permit only; and~~
    - ~~(iii) — the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~~~
  - ~~(F) — Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
  - ~~(G) — Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(92)(82) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties~~
  - ~~(A) — Hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
  - ~~(B) — 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.~~
  - ~~(C) — Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.~~
- ~~(93) — William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County~~
  - ~~(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.~~

(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 cooperater 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.

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

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

**15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

(a) 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 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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

(d) 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.

**15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

(a) 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 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule on or nearest October 15 through the Saturday Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday Sunday 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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

(d) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:

- (1) January 2 through March 31;
- (2) May 16 through August 31;
- (3) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- (4) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

(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 maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

**15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

(a) 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.

(e) Alcohol and fires are prohibited in the Wilson Creek portion of Pisgah Game Land (Caldwell County).

(f) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).

**15A NCAC 10D .0239 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 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.
- (f) Target shooting is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

- (a) 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 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday Sunday 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- (c) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0226 DUPONT STATE FOREST GAME LANDS IN HENDERSON AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES**

- (a) Hunting is by permit only.
- (b) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- (c) Target shooting is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0230 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.
- (d) Target shooting is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0239 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) The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

(a) 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.

(e) Alcohol and fires are prohibited in the Wilson Creek portion of Pisgah Game Land (Caldwell County).

(f) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).

**15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

(a) 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 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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

(d) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:

- (1) January 2 through March 31;
- (2) May 16 through August 31;
- (3) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- (4) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

(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 maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

**15A NCAC 10D .0243 KINGS CREEK GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

(a) Six 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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



**15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

(a) 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 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday 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 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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

(d) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:

- (1) January 2 through March 31;
- (2) May 16 through August 31;
- (3) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- (4) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

(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 maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

**15A NCAC 10D .0103 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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(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 Land
- (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

## 15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

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

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

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

- (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable deer season.
- (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry are able to demonstrate a valid need or such 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.
- (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public.
- (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge 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 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) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

(e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- (4) Exceptions:

(A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal guardian;

(B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.

(f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial area shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day 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 all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during 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, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the applicable open trapping 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. Trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of 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; and
- (4) ~~on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County;~~
- (5) (4) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands; and
- (6) (5) from April 1 through October 31.

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 G.S.113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is 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.

(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~~, 31, unless otherwise specified in Rules of this Subchapter. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES**

(a) 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) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(3) 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 Spring Creek, 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.

## 15A NCAC 10E .0104 USE OF AREAS REGULATED

(a) No person shall leave any vehicle, boat trailer or other obstruction on any public fishing or boating access area in such a location, position or condition that prevents or impedes the use by other persons of any ramp or other facility constructed for the purpose of launching or landing boats or fishing.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, or other object at a public fishing or boating access area unless parking in a designated parking zone. Public fishing or boating access areas and facilities remain available for use when designated parking zones are at capacity. When designated parking zones are at capacity, any person may enter and use the areas or facilities, provided other arrangements for parking are made that do not violate this Rule or the regulations of this Subchapter, if applicable. No person shall operate a vehicle at a public fishing or boating access area in a manner that endangers life, limb, or property.

(c) No person shall possess a loaded firearm on any public fishing or boating access area, except that a handgun may be carried by an individual with a valid concealed handgun permit. The individual carrying a handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in North Carolina G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. The permission to carry a handgun does not apply to access areas on the following game lands:

- (1) Bladen Lakes State Forest
- (2) Buckhorn
- (3) Butner-Falls of Neuse
- (4) Chatham
- (5) DuPont State Forest
- (6) Harris
- (7) Hyco
- (8) Jordan
- (9) Kerr Scott
- (10) Lee
- (11) Mayo
- (12) Pee Dee River north of U.S 74
- (13) Sutton Lake
- (14) Vance
- (15) the portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119

(d) No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall deposit debris or refuse anywhere on the grounds of the area. No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall do any act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

(e) No person shall operate a motorboat in the public waters of North Carolina within 50 yards of a Commission-owned or managed boat launching ramp at greater than "no wake" speed. For the purpose of this Rule, "no wake" speed means idling speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

(f) Except where facilities are ~~provided~~, provided or permits are issued, it is unlawful to use any boating access area for purposes other than the launching and retrieving of vessels boats and parking vehicles ~~and boat with vessel~~ trailers. All other uses, including swimming, skiing, camping, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with launching and retrieving of vessels boats are prohibited, except those activities activities, including fish weigh ins, for which the Commission has issued a permit permit. has been issued may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. All organized activities and events require a permit from the Commission and can be applied for at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). Permits shall be available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place.

(g) Unless otherwise ~~Except where facilities are provided and approved uses are~~ posted, it is unlawful to use any public fishing area for purposes other than fishing. ~~All prohibited uses and activities shall be posted including possession of loaded firearms (except as allowed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule), swimming, launching or mooring jet skis or boats, skiing, building fires, operating concessions, or other activities not directly associated with fishing.~~

(h) It is unlawful to feed or release animals or birds, domesticated animals and feral animals on public fishing or boating access areas without prior written authorization of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Written authorization will only be granted to persons acting on behalf of the Commission, to persons conducting scientific investigations or surveys, and for release of rehabilitated wildlife. Written authorization will not be granted for any feeding or release that is inimical to the conservation of native wildlife resources. For the purpose of enforcing this Paragraph, "domesticated animals" does not include pets under the control of the owner and raptors or hunting dogs where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes.

(i) The use of gasoline powered motors on Ethridge Pond Public Fishing Area and Newbold Pond Public Fishing Area in Edgecombe County is prohibited.

**15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE COUNTIES**

(a) Six Days per Week Area

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

(c) Waterfowl may be taken only on:

(1) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and

(3) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(d) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older shall obtain a Game Lands license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

(f) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.

(g) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.

(h) 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.



**15A NCAC 10D .0106 DESIGNATED BEAR SANCTUARIES MANAGEMENT AREAS**

(a) It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted designated bear sanctuaries management areas as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this rule, except when authorized by permit issued by the Commission on sanctuaries management areas specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

(b) The following shall be posted designated bear sanctuaries management areas:

- Bachelor Bay designated bear sanctuaries management area – Bertie and Washington counties
- Columbus County designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties
- Croatan designated bear sanctuaries management area – Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- Daniel Boone designated bear sanctuaries management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
- Dare designated bear sanctuaries management area – Dare and Hyde counties,
- Fires Creek designated bear sanctuaries management area – Clay County
- Flat Top designated bear sanctuaries management area – Mitchell and Yancey counties
- Green Swamp designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick County
- Gull Rock designated bear sanctuaries management area – Hyde County
- Harmon Den designated bear sanctuaries management area – Haywood County
- Juniper Creek designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties
- Mt. Mitchell designated bear sanctuaries management area – McDowell and Yancey counties
- North River designated bear sanctuaries management area – Camden and Currituck counties
- Pantherstown – Bonas Defeat designated bear sanctuaries management area – Jackson County
- Pisgah designated bear sanctuaries management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
- Pungo River designated bear sanctuaries management area – Hyde County
- Rich Mountain designated bear sanctuaries management area – Madison County
- Sherwood designated bear sanctuaries management area – Haywood County
- Suggs Mill Pond designated bear sanctuaries management area – Bladen and Cumberland counties
- Standing Indian designated bear sanctuaries management area – Macon County
- Thurmond Chatham designated bear sanctuaries management area – Allegheny and Wilkes counties
- Wayah designated bear sanctuaries management area – Macon County

(c) It shall be lawful to take bear on the following sanctuaries designated management areas when authorized by permit issued by the Commission:

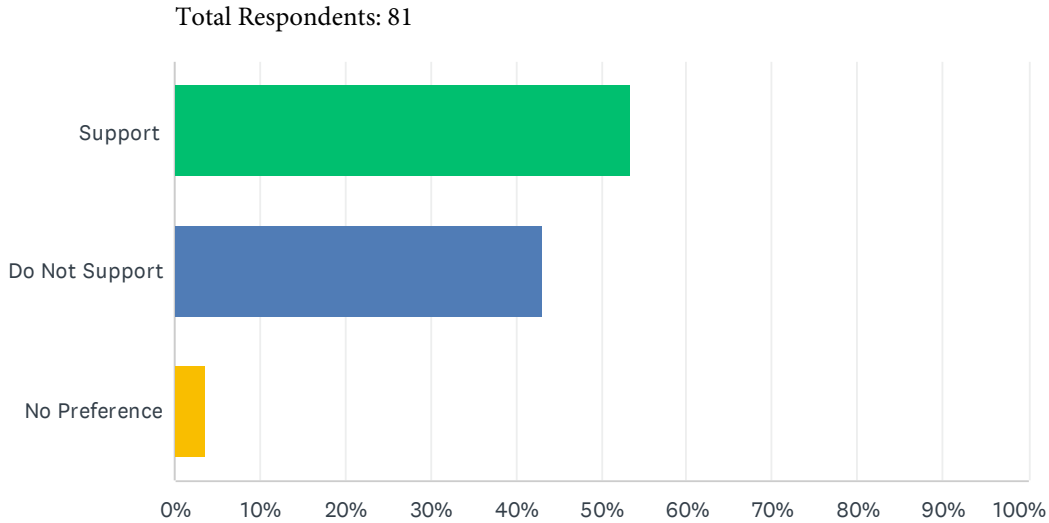
- Daniel Boone designated bear sanctuaries management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
- Dare designated bear sanctuaries management area – Dare and Hyde counties
- Mt. Mitchell designated bear sanctuaries management area – McDowell and Yancey counties
- Pantherstown – Bonas Defeat designated bear [sanctuary] management area – Jackson County
- Pisgah designated bear [sanctuary] management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
- Standing Indian designated bear [sanctuary] management area – Macon County

(d) Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on designated bear sanctuaries management areas.

(e) Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on designated bear sanctuaries management areas located in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

**Exhibit H-1**  
 Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to  
 Regulated Activities & Permits for 2022-2023

**R1**- Clarifies that nine-banded armadillos cannot be rehabilitated and upland game bird egg rehabilitation is prohibited.



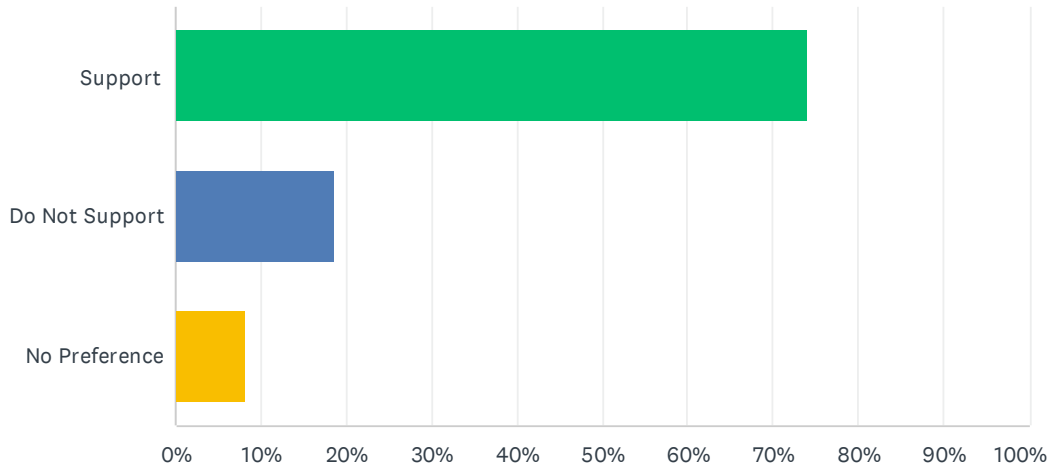
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	53.09%	43
Do Not Support	43.21%	35
No Preference	3.70%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			4	1	2	1	1	4	9	16	5
<b>Do Not Support</b>			6			4	2	1	4	13	5
<b>No Preference</b>	1			1					1		
<b>TOTAL: 81</b>	1		10	2	2	5	3	5	14	29	10

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**R2** - Makes collection licenses, captivity licenses, dealer licenses, possession permits, exportation or importation permits, trophy wildlife sale permits, endangered species permits, and field trial permits non-refundable. Makes both the Unified Sportsman and Lifetime Sportsman licenses half off for individuals ages 50-69. Adds Controlled Hunting Preserve Rabbit Operator License for \$25.

Total Respondents: 110



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	73.45%	83
Do Not Support	19.47%	19
No Preference	7.08%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>110</b>

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Specified	Out of State
<b>Support</b>			10	4	4	4	3	7	15	31	5
<b>Do Not Support</b>			2		2		1		2	4	8
<b>No Preference</b>			2		1				1	4	
<b>TOTAL: 110</b>			14	4	7	4	4	7	18	39	13

# EXHIBIT H-2b

February 24, 2021



## Proposed Amendments to Rehabilitation and License Fee Rules Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

### 1. 15A NCAC 10H .1402

Clarifies that nine-banded armadillos cannot be rehabilitated, and upland game bird eggs rehabilitation is prohibited.

**Justification:** Nine-banded armadillos are a non-native species to North Carolina and prohibiting their rehabilitation puts them in line with other non-native species that are prohibited to be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation of eggs is not considered appropriate as chicks hatched in captivity will likely become imprinted to humans making them challenging to release back into the wild.

*15A NCAC 10H .1402 Captivity License and Rehabilitation (page 2-4)*

### 2. 15A NCAC 10A .1601

Makes collection licenses, captivity licenses, dealer licenses, possession permits, exportation or importation permits, trophy wildlife sale permits, endangered species permits, and field trial permits non-refundable. Adds Controlled Hunting Preserve Rabbit Operator License and Wildlife Control Technician Certification for \$25 each.

**Justification:** License and permits fees help defer the cost of processing application and conducting license and permit inspections. It is important the Commission retain these fees regardless of circumstances which may include denial of an application, or failure of the applicant to complete the application process. Legislation was passed at the General Assembly in September of 2021 adding the Controlled Hunting Preserve Operator License for rabbits and Wildlife Control Technician Certification for \$25 each.

*15A NCAC 10A .1601 License Fees (page 5-7)*

1 virtual public hearing was held on January 20, 2022 with 471 attendees.

## 15A NCAC 10H .1402 CAPTIVITY LICENSE FOR REHABILITATION

(a) A captivity license for rehabilitation shall be required for lawful possession of injured, crippled, or orphaned native wild animals or wild birds for the purpose of providing short term care and eventual release into the animal's natural habitat. A captivity license for rehabilitation shall not be issued for:

- (1) Endangered, threatened, or special concern species as defined by 15A NCAC 10I .0100. Rehabilitation of these species requires an endangered species permit from the Commission;
- (2) Domestic animals;
- (3) Feral swine;
- (4) Nutria;
- (5) Coyote;
- (6) Adult black bear; ~~or~~
- (7) Adult white-tailed deer or ~~elk~~ elk;
- (8) Nine-banded armadillo or;
- (9) Eggs of upland game birds.

(b) A captivity license for rehabilitation shall not be issued for the purpose of holding wild animals or wild birds:

- (1) As pets;
- (2) For education, exhibition, or scientific purposes, except as provided in Rule .1403 of this Section;
- (3) For dog training;
- (4) For hunting; or
- (5) Acquired unlawfully.

(c) Individuals who do not possess a captivity license for rehabilitation may take temporary possession of injured, crippled, or orphaned wild animals or wild birds, provided they are surrendered to a North Carolina licensed veterinarian or an individual licensed under this Rule within 24 hours of taking possession of such animals.

(d) North Carolina licensed veterinarians providing medical care to sick, injured, or crippled wild animals or wild birds are not required to have a license for rehabilitation from the Commission. North Carolina licensed veterinarians without a captivity license for rehabilitation may hold wild animals or wild birds until the animal is medically stable. Once medically stable, the wild animal or wild bird shall be transferred to an individual possessing a captivity license for rehabilitation with the appropriate category for the given species. Licensed veterinarians rehabilitating wild animals or wild birds shall have a valid captivity license for rehabilitation.

(e) Individuals applying for a captivity license for rehabilitation that have never held this license in North Carolina or a similar license in another state shall be designated as an apprentice. The following requirements shall apply to an apprentice license:

- (1) On the application, the apprentice shall designate a mentor with a valid captivity license for rehabilitation in NC, who has held that license for two or more years;
- (2) An apprentice shall complete at least 12 months of supervised rehabilitation activities under a licensed rehabilitator; and
- (3) An apprentice license shall only authorize the possession of squirrels, rabbits, and opossums.

(f) Individuals applying for a captivity license for rehabilitation shall meet statutory and regulatory requirements, including those in G.S. 113-272.5 and all applicable rules of this Section. Individuals seeking to rehabilitate migratory birds shall provide proof of a valid and concurrent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Migratory Bird Rehabilitation permit for each category of migratory birds to be rehabilitated. The Commission shall state on the captivity license for rehabilitation the categories of wild animals and wild birds that the individual is licensed to possess.

(g) Required facilities.

- (1) Individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation shall conduct their rehabilitation activities at the facility designated on their license that meets the minimum standards set forth in the "Miller, E.A., edition. 2000. Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 3rd edition. National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, St. Cloud, MN. 116 pages. ISBN 1-931439-00-1." This publication is hereby incorporated by reference, excluding subsequent amendments and editions, and is available at no cost at [http://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/Minimum\\_Standards](http://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/Minimum_Standards).
- (2) All wild animals and wild birds undergoing rehabilitation shall be separated from pets, domestic animals, livestock, and non-native animals.
- (3) All wild animals shall be kept in separate enclosures by species.
- (4) Rehabilitation in a residence shall have designated, separate rooms used only for housing, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- (5) Handling of animals shall be for treatment only.

(h) Wild animals or wild birds showing symptoms of or believed to be infected with a zoonotic disease shall be euthanized or treated prior to release, based upon advice from a North Carolina licensed veterinarian.

(i) Release of rehabilitated wild animals and wild birds.

- (1) All rehabilitated wild animals and wild birds shall be released as soon as the animal can be expected to survive in the wild or has attained full recovery from illness or injury, as determined by the rehabilitator or a North Carolina licensed veterinarian.
- (2) Wild animals and wild birds may remain in a rehabilitation facility for no longer than 180 days. If a longer rehabilitation period is needed, the license holder shall notify the Commission in writing. The Commission shall consider extended rehabilitation on a case-by-case basis by evaluation, which may include the nature of the animal's condition and recommended treatment plan.
- (3) Wild animals and wild birds shall not be released on property owned by another unless the rehabilitator has written permission dated within the last 12 months from the landowner.
- (4) Wild animals or wild birds that are unfit shall be non-releasable and humanely euthanized. However, the Commission shall consider transfer of wild animals and wild birds on a case-by-case basis when written authorization is requested from the Commission. The wild animal or wild bird shall only be transferred to an individual or facility with a captivity license for holding as set forth in Rule .1403 of this Section when written authorization is obtained from the Commission.

(j) Transfer of Animals.

- (1) Wild animals originating outside the State shall not be accepted for the purpose of rehabilitation unless written authorization is obtained from the Commission.
- (2) Wild animals received for rehabilitation may not be exported outside the State for the purpose of rehabilitation or release after rehabilitation unless written authorization is obtained from both the Commission and the state where the wild animal will be exported to or released from.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for a license holder to sell any wild animal or wild bird being held under a license for rehabilitation.
- (4) It shall be lawful for a license holder to transfer a wild animal or wild bird to another individual who possesses a valid captivity license for rehabilitation with the appropriate category for the given species or a wild bird to another individual with a valid permit for the given species.

(k) White-tailed Deer Fawn.

- (1) Only individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation with the white-tailed deer fawn category may possess, rehabilitate, and release white-tailed deer fawns. To become licensed to rehabilitate white-tailed deer fawns, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
- (2) No white-tailed deer fawn shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping fawn that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.
- (3) Any white-tailed deer fawn held for more than 48 hours shall be permanently tagged using only Commission-provided tags.
- (4) Orphaned white-tailed deer fawns shall be held for no longer than 90 days. Injured white-tailed deer fawns shall be held for no longer than 180 days or until December 31, whichever occurs first. If a longer rehabilitation period is needed, the license holder shall notify the Commission in writing. The Commission shall consider extended rehabilitation on a case-by-case basis. A fawn shall be considered an adult on December 31 of the birth year.
- (5) Records of all white-tail deer fawn rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as set forth in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license.
- (6) Any individual or facility with the white-tailed deer category may not rehabilitate white-tailed fawn on properties licensed for farmed cervids.

(l) Elk Calves.

- (1) Only individuals under a signed cooperative agreement with the Commission to meet conservation objectives shall be authorized to rehabilitate elk calves.
- (2) Individuals in a cooperative agreement with the Commission shall obtain a captivity license for rehabilitation with the elk calf category. To become licensed to rehabilitate elk calves, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
- (3) Any elk calves held for more than 48 hours shall be permanently tagged using only Commission-provided tags.
- (4) Any individual or facility with the elk calf category may not rehabilitate elk calves on properties licensed for farmed cervids.
- (5) No elk calf shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping elk calves that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.
- (6) Records of all elk calf rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as set forth in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license

(m) Black Bear Cubs.

- (1) Only individuals under a signed cooperative agreement with the Commission to meet conservation objectives shall be authorized to rehabilitate black bear cubs.
- (2) Individuals in a cooperative agreement with the Commission shall obtain a captivity license for rehabilitation with the black bear category. To become licensed to rehabilitate black bear cubs, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
- (2) No black bear shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping black bear that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.

(n) Rabies Species.

- (1) Only individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation with the rabies species category may possess, rehabilitate, or release rabies species. To become licensed to rehabilitate rabies species, an individual shall meet all requirements of the general captivity license for rehabilitation and shall:
  - (A) have held an active rehabilitation license within or outside of the State for at least the previous three years and have rehabilitated during that time;
  - (B) certify 12 hours of rabies or rabies species-specific training or a combination thereof;
  - (C) certify up-to-date rabies immunization in accordance with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) for any rehabilitator, staff member or volunteer, who may come in contact with rabies species. Proof of immunization to demonstrate that the vaccine was administered shall be provided upon the request of the Commission or authorized representative and shall be kept at the license holder's facility;
  - (D) provide the name and contact information of a North Carolina licensed veterinarian with whom the rehabilitator has consulted and who agrees to provide necessary medical treatment to the rabies species. Contact information for the veterinarian shall be posted at the facility where the rabies species are being rehabilitated;
  - (E) certify notification to the appropriate animal control authority and local health department prior to making application to the Commission, to inform them of their anticipated activities and location. Contact information for these agencies shall be posted at the facility where the rabies species are being rehabilitated.
  - (F) have separate facilities from non-rabies species adequate for the species to be rehabilitated. Enclosures within the facility shall prevent escape of the animal and exposure to people, pets, livestock, and other captive or free-ranging wildlife. Exterior caging shall be locked and surrounded by double fencing or a solid wall barrier; and
  - (G) coordinate with appropriate local health department regarding euthanasia and testing of rabies species. A written protocol for testing shall be posted at the facility and made available for inspection by the Commission upon request.
- (2) Except for bats, rehabilitation and release of rabies species is not authorized in counties where the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) program is conducted, as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov).
- (3) Except as otherwise specified in this Section, rabies species shall not be removed from their containment except for treatment, release, maintenance of the enclosure, or euthanasia.
- (4) Rehabilitated rabies species must be released in either the county where they were rehabilitated or the county where they were found.
- (5) All rabies species shall be considered potentially infected with the rabies virus. If any human or domestic animal has been scratched, bitten, or exposed to saliva, the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, or brain and spinal cord material from any rabies species, the license holder shall contact the local Health Department immediately to report the incident. The local Health Department may require euthanasia of the animal and submission of the brain for rabies testing. Rehabilitators shall abide by all requests made by authorized public health department personnel, animal control, or Commission personnel regarding disposition of the animal. No rabies species that has scratched or bitten a human or domestic animal or dies in captivity can be released or disposed of until the local Health Department investigates the situation to determine if testing is necessary.
- (6) Records of all rabies species rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as described in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license.

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**15A NCAC 10A .1601 LICENSE FEES.**

- (a) License fees established by the Commission in this Rule shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 113-270.1B(e).
- (b) The following fees shall apply to combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1C:
- (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$35.00.
  - (2) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
  - (3) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (c) The following fees shall apply to sportsman licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1D:
- (1) Annual Sportsman License - \$53.00.
  - (2) Infant Lifetime Sportsman License - \$212.00.
  - (3) Youth Lifetime Sportsman License - \$371.00.
  - (4) Adult Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$530.00.
  - (5) Nonresident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$1,272.00.
  - ~~(6) Resident Age 50-69 Lifetime Sportsman License - \$265.00.~~
  - (6) ~~(7)~~ Age 70 Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$16.00.
  - (7) ~~(8)~~ Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.
  - (8) ~~(9)~~ Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.
- (d) The following fees shall apply to hunting licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.2:
- (1) Resident State Hunting License - \$25.00.
  - (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License - \$265.00.
  - (3) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License - \$22.00.
  - (4) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License - \$39.00.
  - (5) Nonresident State Hunting Licenses:
    - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
    - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
  - (6) Falconry Hunting License - \$25.00.
- (e) The following fees shall apply to special activity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.3:
- (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License - \$14.00.
  - (2) Nonresident Bear Hunting License - \$239.00.
  - (3) Bear Management Stamp - \$11.00.
  - (4) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License:
    - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
    - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
  - (5) Bonus Antlerless Deer License - \$11.00.
  - (6) Game Land License - \$16.00.
  - (7) Falconry License - \$11.00.
  - (8) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License - \$14.00.
  - (9) Resident American Alligator License - \$250.00.
  - (10) Nonresident American Alligator License - \$500.00.
  - (11) Resident Elk License - \$500.00.
  - (12) Nonresident Elk License - \$1,000.00.
- (f) The following fees shall apply to hunting and fishing guide licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.4:
- (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$16.00.
  - (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$159.00.
- (g) The following fees shall apply to trapping licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.5:
- (1) Resident State Trapping License - \$32.00.
  - (2) Resident Lifetime Trapping License - \$300.00.
  - (3) Nonresident State Trapping License - \$133.00.
- (h) The following fees shall apply to hook-and-line licenses in inland and joint fishing waters issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-271:
- (1) Resident State Inland Fishing License - \$25.00.
  - (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Inland Fishing License - \$265.00.
  - (3) Nonresident State Inland Fishing License - \$45.00.



- (4) Short-Term Inland Fishing License:
  - (A) Resident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$9.00.
  - (B) Nonresident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$23.00.
- (5) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$16.00.
- (6) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (7) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (8) Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License - \$106.00.
- (9) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters 3-Day Fishing License - \$8.00.
- (i) The following shall apply to special device licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.2:
  - (1) Resident Special Device License - \$80.00.
  - (2) Nonresident Special Device License - \$530.00.
- (j) The non-refundable fees for a collection license issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.4 shall be \$10.00.
- (k) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to captivity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.5:
  - (1) Captivity License for Holding - \$50.00.
  - (2) Captivity License for Rehabilitation - \$10.00.
- (l) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to dealer licenses issued by the Commission as set forth in G.S. 113-273:
  - (1) Resident Fur-dealer License - \$64.00.
  - (2) Nonresident Fur-dealer License - \$318.00.
  - (3) Fur-dealer Station License - \$128.00.
  - (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Operator License - \$100.00.
  - (5) Controlled Hunting Preserve Rabbit Operator License - \$25.00.
  - ~~(5)(6)~~ Game Bird Propagation License - \$10.00.
  - ~~(6)(7)~~ Furbearer Propagation License - \$27.00.
  - ~~(7)(8)~~ Taxidermy License - \$50.00.
  - ~~(8)(9)~~ Taxidermy Cervid Certification - \$5.00.
  - ~~(9)(10)~~ Wildlife Control Agent License - \$50.00.
  - (11) Wildlife Control Technician Certification-\$25.00
  - ~~(10)(11)~~(12) Alligator Control Agent Certification - \$25.00.
- (m) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to permits issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-274:
  - (1) Possession Permit - \$10.00.
  - (2) Exportation or Importation Permit - \$10.00.
  - (3) Trophy Wildlife Sale Permit - \$10.00.
  - (4) Endangered Species Permit - \$10.00.
  - (5) Field Trial Permit - \$10.00.
- (n) Unified hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-351:
  - (1) Annual Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$69.00.
  - (2) Annual Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$41.00.
  - (3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses:
    - (A) Infant Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$292.00.
    - (B) Youth Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.
    - (C) Resident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$716.00.
    - (D) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$1,643.00.
    - ~~(E) Resident Age 50-69 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$358.00.~~
    - (E) [(E)] Resident Age 70 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.
    - (F) [(G)] Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.
    - (G) [(H)] Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.
  - (4) Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.

(o) The following fees shall apply to Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-174.2:

- (1) Annual Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.
- (2) Annual Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.
- (3) Ten-Day Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$6.00.
- (4) Ten-Day Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (5) Infant Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$106.00.
- (6) Youth Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$159.00.
- (7) Resident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$265.00.
- (8) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$530.00.
- (9) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.
- (10) Resident Disabled Veteran Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (11) Resident Totally Disabled Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.

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