



Waterfowl Impoundment Condition Alerts

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Every effort has been made to accurately report existing and/or anticipated conditions that may negatively impact the waterfowl hunting experience, but please note that conditions are subject to change for a variety of reasons and in some cases may vary from the information presented in this report.

NOTE: For all areas, refer to the current North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest to determine applicable hunt days for waterfowl and special regulations which may apply.

On managed (posted) waterfowl impoundments, hunters shall not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates, and hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates; decoys shall not be set out prior to 4:00 a.m. and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. each day. No person shall operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine on a managed waterfowl impoundment. 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."

For impoundments not otherwise noted in this report, conditions are believed to be adequate to support waterfowl hunting.

COASTAL REGION

Croatan Game Land-Catfish Lake Impoundment

Pumping operations are ongoing. Water levels in impoundments #1, #3, and #6 are huntable, but below prescribed levels. Pumping operations will continue until all impoundments are at prescribed levels.

Goose Creek Impoundments

Water levels are at prescribed levels. All bridges were displaced during Hurricane Florence so hunters should be prepared to cross ditches using drag boats.

Holly Shelter Game Land-Green Tree and Lodge Road Impoundments

Holly Shelter Green Tree Impoundment and Lodge Road Impoundment are at prescribed levels.

White Oak River Game Land

Water levels at the White Oak Impoundment are at optimal levels. Some bridges have been repaired; hunters should still be prepared to cross ditches using drag boat as needed.

J. Morgan Futch Game Land

Pumping is currently in progress to fill all units at Futch. All impoundments are expected to be flooded for the November opening and pumping will continue until units are at full pool.

Lantern Acres Game Land

Pumping is underway to fill both impoundments. The western impoundment will not have water for the November opening. Hunters will find water in the eastern most impoundment toward to the north end.

Rhodes Pond Game Land

Damage to the dam that impounds water in Rhodes Pond has required draining of the lake for repairs. Normal water levels are not expected throughout the 2020-21 waterfowl seasons and no permits will be issued.

Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land

The Minges impoundments are flooded. Suzie Slough impoundments and Deep Pond impoundment will not be flooded unless the river floods. Waterfowl permit holders can hunt anywhere within the tract for which they are drawn.

PIEDMONT REGION

Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land

Water levels will be at the desired pool for the November season and at full pool for the December-January season.

Upper Brickhouse Rd. and Patterson Rd. are **not** included in the 2020-2021 flooding schedule.

R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land

Water levels are anticipated to be at or near full pool for the November season and at full pool for the December-January seasons.

Jordan Game Land:

Water levels will be at the desired pool for the November season and at full pool for the December-January seasons.

Impoundments #1 Upper Little Creek, #4 Stagecoach, and #6 Beaver Creek are **not** included in the 2020-2021 flooding schedule.

Second Creek Game Land

The posted waterfowl impoundment on Second Creek Game Land does not include control structures to facilitate artificial manipulation of water levels. This area is completely dependent on rainfall and collection of surface water; therefore, conditions may vary throughout the season.