



## **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 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 approaching prescribed levels. Also, 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**

Waterfowl hunting in the Holly Shelter Green Tree Impoundment will be limited to creek ditches. Flooding from Hurricane Florence has breached the dike hindering our ability to manage water levels in the impoundment.

Lodge Road Impoundment pumping operations are ongoing and expected to be at prescribed levels by 11/9/18.

### **White Oak River Game Land**

Water levels at the White Oak Impoundment are at optimal levels. Water levels at the White Oak Impoundment are at optimal levels. All bridges were damaged or displaced, so hunters should be prepared to cross ditches using drag boats.

### **Lantern Acres Game Land**

Pumping is underway to fill both impoundments. Both impoundments have huntable water but hunters will find the most open water in the eastern most impoundment.

### **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 2018-19 waterfowl seasons and no permits will be issued.

### **Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land**

The Minges impoundments are flooded. The Conoho tract and the access road to the Minges Impoundment off HWY 125 is currently closed with an expected opening of the access road to the Minges Impoundment on 11-8-18. There is no expected date for the reopening of Conoho Road as the road remains flooded. The Suzie Slough impoundments and Deep Pond Impoundment may not be flooded.

### **Suggs Mill Pond Game Land**

Hurricane Florence washed away the portion of NC Highway 53 that served to impound water in Jessups Mill Pond. The road has been repaired but the water control structure and earthen dam will not be replaced in time for the 2018-2019 waterfowl seasons. Normal water levels are not expected and no waterfowl hunting opportunities will be available on this area.

### **Whitehall Plantation Game Land**

Due to a culvert being washed out by Hurricane Florence, only foot travel is allowed on Whitehall Road beyond the Jake Road intersection.

## **PIEDMONT REGION**

### **Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land**

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

Upper Brickhouse Road and Patterson Road Hwy 98 Impoundments are not included in the 2018-2019 flooding schedule.

**R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land**

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

**Jordan Game Land:**

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

Impoundments #1 Upper Little Creek, #4 Stagecoach, and #6 Beaver Creek are not included in the 2018-2019 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.