### What's New for Lifetime License Holders with the Go Outdoors North Carolina (GONC) System?

### **Go Outdoors North Carolina Mobile App:**

Request seasonal information, apply for permit hunts, view license/permit hunt information, report big game harvests, view regulations and more with the new mobile app, available for both <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u> devices.



## Paperless Licenses:

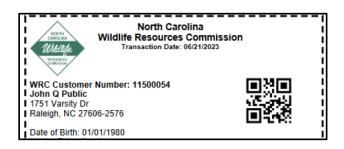
You are no longer legally required to carry a paper license or big game harvest report card if you have access to the electronic version of your license and privilege licenses, which includes the following:

- The PDF version of your license(s) attached to your GONC email confirmation or
- Your license(s) within your GONC account or
- Your license(s) stored within the mobile GONC app or
- The optional hard card upgrade (see Durable Collectable License Cards below).

Paper copies of licenses and/or big game report cards will no longer be mailed to license holders.

Law enforcement officers can scan the QR code on any version of your license, listed above, to verify the license information.

Example: Electronic License QR Code

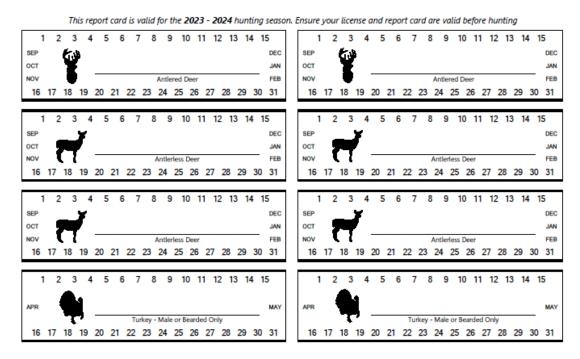




Example: Mobile App License QR Code

## **Big Game Harvest Reporting:**

The big game harvest report card no longer contains a Harvest ID number. When registering a harvest online or using the mobile app, the system will recognize you as the customer because you have logged into your account. When registering a harvest by phone (800-446-8663), hunters will be prompted to provide their WRC ID # at the start of the call and will then select the appropriate species to be reported. See last page of this pdf for additional information on Big Game Harvest Reporting Regulations.



## Rebranding the Lifetime License Program:

The NCWRC recently rebranded the lifetime license program so the new logo, seen below, showcases your investment in and commitment to conservation as a "North Carolina Lifetime Conservationist".

New logo designs:



### **Durable Collectable License Cards:**

You now have the option to purchase a durable hard card for just \$6 that contains up to seven of your valid license and privilege license information. After you complete your request for seasonal information, but before you check out, you may choose to add a "Durable Collectable License Card-Lifetime License Holders" to your cart. There are four custom card designs, seen below, to choose from and as a lifetime license holder, your card will display the "North Carolina Lifetime Conservationist" logo. New card designs will be unveiled each year making these limited-edition hard cards collectable.



## N.C. Inland Fishing, Hunting & Trapping Regulations Digest

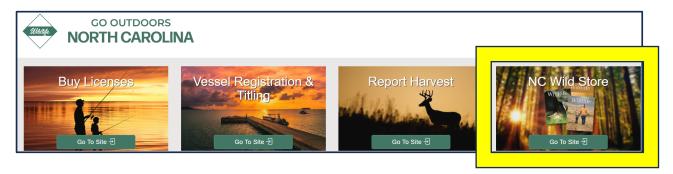
View the 2023-24 regulations digest in any of the following ways:

- Go Outdoors North Carolina mobile app, available for both <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u> devices
- Interactive Digest (flipping book format)
- eRegulations.com



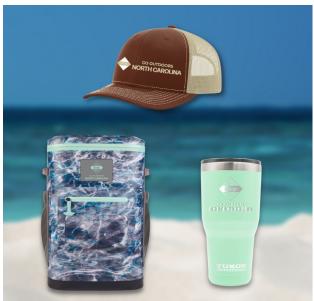
## **NC Wild Store:**

While visiting GONC, we encourage you to check out the <u>NC Wild Store</u> where we currently offer *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine and a variety of NCWRC branded merchandise that includes hats, drinkware, coolers, backpacks, bags, outdoor gear and more. Purchases made through the NC Wild Store help conserve wildlife resources and their habitats.









# Big Game Harvest Reporting

Reporting big game harvests is a requirement in North Carolina. Hunters shall carry a valid paper Big Game Harvest Report Card or an electronic version on their mobile device with them while hunting deer, bear, or wild turkey. A harvest report card is furnished with the issuance of a Big Game Hunting License and is valid for only one hunting season, July 1 through June 30.

#### Validating a Harvest

Upon harvesting a bear, deer or wild turkey, and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the successful hunter must validate the paper Big Game Harvest Report Card by cutting or punching out the corresponding day and month the harvest occurred. Hunters using the Go Outdoors North Carolina App can validate and register their harvest either with or without Internet service.

### Registering a Harvest

The successful hunter must register any harvested bear, deer or wild turkey BEFORE any of the following occur:

- The animal is skinned or dismembered;
- The animal is left unattended by the successful hunter;
- The animal is placed in the possession of another person; or
- 12 p.m. (noon) the day following the harvest.

Big game harvests may be registered in one of four ways:

- 1. By using the the Go Outdoors North Carolina App.
- By calling 800-I-GOT-ONE (800-446-8663). A touch tone telephone is required.
- By clicking the "Report a Big Game Harvest" link located on the NCWRC home page at gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com.

- By reporting the harvest to a participating wildlife service agent location at gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com.
- The Big Game Harvest Report Card no longer contains a Harvest ID number located above each harvest authorization line. Hunters will be required to select the appropriate tag type when reporting each harvest.
- Hunters who obtain their license and big game privilege by phone can request to receive their Big Game Harvest Report Card via email. If requested, a printed paper version can also be mailed. If the hunter harvests a big game animal before receiving their Big Game Harvest Report Card, the hunter must retain the authorization number for the reported harvest. Immediately upon receipt of the paper Big Game Harvest Report Card, the hunter must transcribe those authorization numbers and validate the appropriate line on their card.
- Big game animals may be field dressed before being registered. Field dressing includes bleeding and removal of digestive, respiratory and circulatory organs, but the hunter may not mutilate the carcass in a manner that obscures the species, age or sex.

### **Registration in Remote Areas**

- Hunters using the Go Outdoors North Carolina App can validate and register their harvest in remote areas with or without internet service.
- When a hunter harvests an animal in a remote area, the animal must be registered by 12 p.m. (noon) the day after leaving the remote area.
- When a kill occurs in a remote area and the carcass cannot be transported intact, the animal may be skinned and dismembered before registration.
- Big game harvested in a remote area may be left with another person, provided the person has the successful hunter's name and date of the kill.

### **Recording the Authorization Number**

When a successful hunter registers a big game harvest, the hunter will be issued an authorization number for the animal. The hunter shall then record the authorization number in the space provided on the paper Big Game Harvest Report Card. This record shall thereafter constitute the authorization for continued possession of the carcass. Hunters registering a harvest on the Go Outdoors North Carolina App will have an authorization number automatically recorded on their device.

### **Reporting for License-Exempt Hunters**

Persons who are by law exempt from the Big Game Hunting License requirement shall obtain a License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card from a wildlife service agent or by calling 833-950-0575. (Note: License-Exempt Cards (no cost) are not available online.) Upon harvesting a bear, deer or wild turkey, the exempt person shall validate their harvest and report the big game kill using the same registration methods listed in this section.

License-exempt youth should not report their harvest on their parent's Big Game Harvest Report Card, but obtain their own card.

### Deer Management Assistance Program Harvest Reporting

Persons harvesting deer from properties enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) or the Community Deer Management Assistance Program (CDMAP) and opting to use the special tags provided by these programs to report their harvest, should follow the validation and registration requirements described in the participant packet. When registering the harvest, they will be directed to select the "Report a DMAP Tag" option and to provide the pre-printed number on the tag. Successful hunters shall record and maintain their authorization numbers. For more information about the DMAP or CDMAP, please visit gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com.

