



New Sunday Hunting Regulations – Outdoor Heritage Enhanced Law

The N.C. General Assembly recently enacted legislation that will enhance opportunities to hunt on Sundays. This legislation provides immediate changes for hunters on private lands and gives authority to the Wildlife Commission and other public landowners to implement new options for Sunday hunting on public lands.

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Wildlife Commission Adopts Resolution to Request Membership in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission adopted a resolution on July 27, 2017 to formally request membership in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (Compact), a voluntary reciprocal agreement among 47 states sharing sportsman hunting, fishing and trapping violations. The Compact promotes compliance with the statutes, laws, ordinances, resolutions, administrative rules and regulations relating to the management of wildlife resources and provides fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators operating within the participating states. [More](#)



Gov. Roy Cooper Appoints Four New Wildlife Commissioners

The Wildlife Commission has added four commissioners to its governing board. The new commissioners are: Monty R. Crump of Rockingham, Brad Stanback a Salisbury native now living in Asheville, David Hoyle of Dallas and Hayden Rogers, a Graham native who now lives in Brasstown. [More](#)



See a Wild Turkey? Let us Know!

The Wildlife Commission is asking North Carolina citizens to enter sightings of any wild turkeys they see into an online database, until Aug. 31. The information gives biologists an indication of annual wild turkey productivity, gobbler carryover and other population trends — all of which help the Wildlife Commission manage the state's turkey population. To participate, visit the Wildlife Commission's [website](#).



Wildlife Commission Continues its "Preserve Your Life" Campaign

The Wildlife Commission continues its "Preserve Your Life" campaign to increase boating safety awareness. Wildlife enforcement officers will hand out coupons that can be redeemed for discounts on life jackets at selected retailers and also will conduct pre-launch safety checks at boating access areas across the state. [More](#)



Young Anglers Win Lifetime Licenses; 100 Others Win Prizes

Blake Russell, 10, and Adeline Belcher, 6, both of Edenton, were the big winners in a random, state-wide drawing after registering at free kids' fishing events in late May and early June to celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week. Blake won a lifetime fishing and hunting license, courtesy of Neuse Sport Shop in Kinston and Adeline won a lifetime freshwater fishing license, courtesy of Trout Unlimited. One hundred other young anglers statewide won prizes as well. [More](#)



Applications Now Available for Permit Hunting Opportunities

The Wildlife Commission has applications available for permitted hunting opportunities, including waterfowl hunts. Sportsmen can obtain applications by visiting the Commission's [website](#), a [Wildlife Service Agent](#) or calling 1-888-248-6834, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Application deadlines vary starting in August.



2017 Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print Available for Sale



The 2017 North Carolina Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print are now available through the Wildlife Commission's [N.C. Wild Store](#). Richard Clifton, a well-known wildlife artist from Delaware, painted the stamp and print, which feature a pair of gadwall. Signed and numbered regular edition prints with mint stamps cost \$148. The collector's mint stamp sells for \$13.



Free Coyote Conflict Management Workshops Offered Statewide

The Wildlife Commission, along with N.C. State Cooperative Extension and USDA Wildlife Services, invites the public to attend a free coyote conflict management workshop. Learn about coyote biology and behavior, tools for preventing and reducing coyote conflicts, and more. Workshops are being held across the state. View [dates and registration information](#). Contact Jessie Birckhead at jessie.birckhead@ncwildlife.org with any questions.



Regulations Digest Now Available Online

The 2017-2018 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest is now available [online](#). The regulations are effective Aug. 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.



Alvin Braswell Receives Prestigious Thomas L. Quay Award

The Wildlife Commission presented Alvin Braswell with the prestigious Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award during its business meeting in Raleigh. Braswell, of Raleigh, is a renowned herpetologist, naturalist and leader in the conservation of North Carolina's wildlife, particularly reptiles and amphibians. [More](#)



Potential for Fox Encounters Increases during Summer

Foxes are active day and night, and found in suburban and urban areas. People who encounter foxes do not need to take action typically, but they should use caution to prevent unwanted interactions. The Wildlife Commission offers [several suggestions to avoid unwanted interactions with foxes](#).



Other News and Events

[Free Festival to Celebrate Opening of Cane Creek Fishing Trail on Aug. 5 in Waxhaw](#)

[Wildlife Commission Opens Uwharrie River Public Fishing Area on Dutchman's Creek on the Uwharrie Game Land](#)

[Wildlife Commission Offers Free Fishing Programs in Fayetteville in August](#)

[Wildlife Commission Offers Free Wildlife Programs in Brevard in August](#)

[Study Shows New Flap Gates at Lake Mattamuskeet Bring Minimal Water Flow Change](#)



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