



Wildlife Commission Extends Striped Bass Harvest Season on the Roanoke River until May 6

The Wildlife Commission has extended the striped bass harvest season within the Roanoke River Management Area until midnight on May 6. The season had been set to expire by rule on April 30. The Roanoke River Management Area includes the Roanoke River and tributaries from Roanoke Rapids Lake Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at Albemarle Sound, including the Cashie, Middle and Eastmost rivers. [MORE](#)

Wildlife Commission Sets 2018-19 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

On Thursday, Wildlife Commissioners set the season dates, bag limits and application regulations for the 2018-19 waterfowl, webless migratory game bird (including doves) and extended falconry seasons. While many seasons remained unchanged, there are some notable changes this year. [MORE](#)

Barbless Hooks Required April 1-June 30 in Upper Roanoke River

From April 1 through June 30, anglers fishing in the upper Roanoke River are required to use a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook. The upper Roanoke River is defined as the main river channel and all tributaries, upstream from the U.S. Highway 258 Bridge near Scotland Neck to Roanoke Rapids Lake Dam. [Coastal Rivers Fisheries Reports for the Roanoke, Neuse, Cape Fear and Tar are posted on the Commission's website every Friday through mid-May.](#)



Wildlife Commission Extends Application Period to June 1 for Alligator Population Reduction Hunts

The Wildlife Commission is extending the application period to June 1 for permitted American alligator hunts for the Sept. 1 through Oct. 1, 2018 season. Cities, towns and villages with the N.C. Alligator Management Plan's designated Alligator Management Unit, which comprises Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Hyde, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico and Pender counties, now have until June 1, 2018 to submit an application. The original deadline was May 1. [MORE](#)



Be Bat Friendly during Pup-Raising Season

The beginning of May through the end of July marks the timeframe when female bats are raising their young — called pups. Homeowners should avoid closing up holes or installing eviction devices during this time, as young bats, like other mammals, depend on their mother for survival during the first few weeks of life. [Learn more about these important mammals and how you can be "bat friendly."](#)



Beach-Nesting Birds Find Alternative and Creative Place to Nest

The black-“crowned” birds are back in town. Over the last couple of weeks, least terns have been checking out the rooftop of the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores in Carteret County. Staff with the aquarium and the Wildlife Commission are hopeful that the birds will soon begin nesting on the rooftop for a second year in a row. Read more on the Commission's blog, "[Tern Turret Tidings](#)." View photos of last year's nesting success on the agency's [Flickr album](#).



Wildlife Commission Acquires a Bog Turtle Buffer

A tiny turtle with an uncertain future in North Carolina got a helping hand recently, thanks to a donation of 25 acres of wetlands in Burke County. The family of Robert Millard and Mary Charlotte Crump Smith donated the land to the Wildlife Commission, which will use the property to conserve much-needed habitat for bog turtles, a species that is federally and state-listed as threatened, as well as identified as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the N.C. Wildlife Action Plan. [MORE](#)

Wildlife Commission Adds 2,500 Acres to Johns River Game Land in Burke County

The Wildlife Commission has completed a land acquisition that will add 2,500 acres to the 3,877-acre Johns River Game Land in Burke County. The land was purchased from Duke Energy on April 11. Johns River Game Land provides opportunities for hunting, fishing and other recreational activities. [MORE](#)

Wildlife Commission Gains New Game Land in Rockingham County

With the help of partners including the Piedmont Land Conservancy, the Wildlife Commission recently added 1,068 acres to its Game Land Program. The Dan River Game Land, located in Rockingham County, comprises the 1,068 acres as well as 660 acres the Commission acquired in 2017. The new game land will provide the Triad area with access to fishing and hunting opportunities. [MORE](#)



Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Offers Three Events in May and June

The Wildlife Commission invites women 18 years and older to participate in three events in May and June offered through its Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program. The events are a fly-fishing weekend, May 11-13, at North Mills Recreation and Campground in Henderson County; an Introduction to Kayaking, May 26, at the Pechmann Center in Fayetteville; and a Shooting Sports workshop on June 16 at the Wake County Wildlife Club in Durham. [REGISTER](#)

Read [one woman's first-time experience at the BOW Weekend](#), held earlier this month at the Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia, N.C., on the Wildlife Commission's blog.



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