



Wildlife Commission Adopts Temporary Rules on Cervids, Bears and Hunting on Game Lands

The Wildlife Commission amended three existing rules using temporary rulemaking. Changes will apply to the 2018-19 hunting seasons. Amendments to the Importation of Animal Parts Rule restrict importation of cervid carcass parts and prohibits importation of whole cervid carcasses from outside of North Carolina. The amendment to the Bear Rule clarifies that there is no open season for hunting bear in any area of the Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary, which spans parts of Brunswick and Columbus counties. Amendments to the Hunting on Game Lands Rule adds the extended archery season for antlered deer on the South Mountains and Buffalo Cove game lands to align with the Western Deer Season and clarifies that either male or female deer can be taken on the first open Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land. [MORE](#)

Wildlife Commission Offers Limited Alligator Hunting Opportunities in Hyde County

The Wildlife Commission is offering permitted hunting opportunities for alligator population reduction hunts in three designated areas of Hyde County only. Hyde County requested a targeted hunt to reduce numbers of alligators in areas of Swan Quarter, Fairfield and Engelhard with frequent alligator conflicts. Applications for [the alligator permit hunt opportunities](#) are available for purchase now through Friday, Aug. 10. Applicants must be 16 years of age or

older and there is an \$8 application fee for each of the designated hunt areas. [MORE](#)



Wildlife Commission Seeking Public Opinion on Sunday Hunting on Game Lands through Aug. 31

The Wildlife Commission is seeking participation in an online survey to gauge public opinion on opening [61 select game lands](#) across the state for Sunday hunting. The survey will be available through Aug. 31, and data collected will be used to evaluate options for Sunday hunting on game lands. The selected game lands are under consideration because they are either owned by the Commission or owned by cooperators who enrolled their land into the Game Lands Program and are interested in obtaining public input about allowing Sunday hunting. [See the list of game lands and take the survey.](#)

Preserve Your Life: Wear a Life Jacket When on the Water



Since January, 22 boaters have lost their lives on North Carolina waters and 16 of them were not wearing a life jacket. The Wildlife Commission is reminding boaters the seconds it takes to put on a life preserver may be the difference between life and death. And it's the law. Anyone younger than 13 must wear an appropriate life jacket

when on a recreational vessel that is underway. [Learn more](#)



Hunting, Trapping, Inland Fisheries Digest for 2018-19 Seasons Now Available Online

The 2018-2019 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest is [now available online](#). The regulations are effective Aug. 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.



Wildlife Commission Seeking Public's Help with Turkey Observations

The Wildlife Commission is seeking the public's assistance in reporting observations of wild turkeys this summer. The online survey is available on the Commission's website until Aug. 31. Information entered gives agency biologists an indication of annual wild turkey productivity, gobbler carryover and other population trends, all of which help them manage the state's wild turkey population. [Take the survey](#)



Save Time; Purchase or Renew Your Fishing License Online

Before casting your line this summer, be sure to go [online and purchase your fishing license](#). It's quick, easy and will have you out on the water in no time. For a list of available licenses, visit the [Wildlife Commission's Licensing page](#).

Longhorned Tick found in Polk County

The longhorned tick, an exotic, East Asian tick, was recently found on a opossum in Polk County during surveys conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. The Wildlife Commission is assisting staff from the USDA, N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services to help raise awareness of ticks and tick bite prevention. The longhorned tick can have serious effects on livestock and wildlife. [MORE](#)

Wildlife Commission Swears in 21 New Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers



Twenty-one cadets were sworn in as wildlife law enforcement officers by the Wildlife Commission during a graduation ceremony held at Campbell University on June 28. Each new wildlife officer has begun six months of on-the-job training under the supervision of a veteran wildlife officer. Upon completion of field training, each officer will be assigned a permanent duty station. [List of graduating officers and their county of assignment](#).

2018 North Carolina Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print on Sale



A painting of a pair of canvasbacks by Florida-based artist Garrett Jacobs, the 2018 North Carolina Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and Print, is now on sale from the Wildlife Commission's N.C. Wild Store. Printed on acid-free paper using special fade-resistant inks, the signed and numbered prints are available for \$135. The complementary mint stamp is available for \$13. Proceeds from the sale of stamps and prints go to the agency's Waterfowl Fund and support waterfowl research. [Purchase the print and stamp from the N.C. Wild Store.](#)

Shooting Sports Workshop for Ladies Only Offered Aug. 25



The Wildlife Commission, along with the Wake County Wildlife Club, is offering a Beyond BOW Shooting Sports workshop for ladies 18 years and older who are interested in learning how to shoot a rifle, shotgun, pistol and bow and arrow. The workshop will be held on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wake County Wildlife Club in Durham. To register, contact BB Gillen, BOW Coordinator, by [email](#) or phone, 919-218-3638.

Other News and Events

[Wildlife Commission Assists with Water Safety Plan for Eaton Ferry Bridge Repair on Lake Gaston](#)

[Wildlife Commission Schedules Public Hearing on Land De-Dedication in Dare County](#)

[Young Angler Reels in Lifetime Fishing License at Boone Fork Pond Event](#)

[Aquatic Vegetation Enhancement Project on Lake Gaston Continues](#)

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