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 Local government: No
 Substantial impact: No

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This fiscal note analysis pertains to a series of proposed amendments to and adoptions of 20 rules that the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) voted to take to public hearing. The purpose of each proposed rule amendment or adoption is set forth below, and the full text of all proposed changes is included in the referenced exhibits.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Background

The wildlife resources of the State belong to the people of the State as a whole, including the enjoyment of these resources. (G.S. § 113-131(a)). WRC is tasked with the conservation of wildlife resources of the State (G.S. § 143-239). This mission responsibility includes managing as equitably as possible the various competing interests regarding these

resources, including the use and take of such resources. (G.S. § 113-131.1(a)) The statutes governing wildlife resources are found in Chapter 113, Subchapter IV of the General Statutes, and WRC has been granted rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of these statutes. (G.S. § 113-134)

As part of its mission, WRC conducts an annual review of its fish, wildlife, boating safety, and other regulations to determine whether such rules need to be adjusted in order to accomplish the objectives of: managing wildlife resources through a biologically sustainable harvest of such resources by hunters, trappers and anglers consistent with sound conservation objectives; ensuring the safety of the boating public; managing Commission-owned land for the conservation of wildlife resources and the enjoyment of the public; and implementing legislative directives. This review generally begins internally in July, and culminates with rule proposals in November. The proposals are taken to at least nine public hearings in January, and those proposals subsequently adopted or amended by the full Commission are reviewed by the Rules Review Commission in April.

A summary of the proposed rule amendments is shown below, with the full text of each included in the referenced exhibits.

Subchapter B (rule text in Appendix A)

15A NCAC 10B.0111 As amended, this rule would allow hunters to hunt raccoon during the day west of U.S. 1. This rule affects people hunting raccoons, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10B.0116 As amended, this rule would reduce the draw weight for crossbows. This rule affects people who hunt with archery equipment, and could benefit hunters by using different bow with a lower draw weight. It is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10B.0118 As amended, this rule would allow people who have mounted wild animals to sell those mounts, except bear, turkey and migratory game birds which cannot be sold under state or federal law. The WRC receives between 25 and 50 inquiries a year from people who want to sell mounts. The average price for a mount is \$150.00. Therefore the estimated annual fiscal benefit to the public based on the inquiries will be between \$3,750.00 and \$7,500.00. This rule affects the general public, and any time or cost to staff would be minimal.

15A NCAC 10B .0120 As amended, this rule would eliminate the caliber restrictions in place for taking big game with handguns. Although this rule would expand the type of handguns hunters could use to take big game, handguns are only infrequently used to do so and we do not anticipate hunters purchasing handguns based upon the change to this rule. This rule affects hunters, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact given NC's concealed carry laws. It is not expected to create any significant burdens on WRC staff.

15A NCAC 10B.0202 As amended, this rule would open Piedmont counties to bear hunting with the use of unprocessed foods (natural bait). Natural bait is already used widely by deer hunters in the Piedmont. Due to the low population of bear in this part of the state, the WRC believes most, if any, bears will be harvested opportunistically by deer hunters. Therefore, we expect any fiscal impacts to be minimal. This rule affects hunters, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10B.0203 As amended, this rule changes the deer season in one county and changes the name of muzzleloading season to blackpowder season. In addition, it changes the dates of the Western Deer Season to include Sundays, which would allow more access to bow hunting. This rule affects deer hunters, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

Subchapter C (rule text Appendix B)

15A NCAC 10C.0203 As amended, this rule clarifies the boundary for the North Carolina/Virginia border per reciprocal license agreement. The old marker no longer exists, and this rule is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C.0205 As amended, this rule makes changes to the designations of several public mountain trout waters. The ability of anglers to access public mountain trout waters depends largely upon the permission of private landowners. Every year this rule is adjusted to reflect

where public access is allowed. This rule informs anglers where they can enter (access) public trout waters, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C.0206 As amended, this rule gives anglers the option to label their trotlines, set hooks and jug hooks with their WRC customer numbers instead of their names and addresses, the current requirement. This rule expands the options for anglers to identify their gear, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C.0217 As adopted, this rule clarifies the purpose of Public Access for Fishing Only and lists a set of prohibited activities. This rule affects anglers, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C.0302 As amended, this rule would allow anglers using a cast net to collect nongame fish to keep any white perch they catch, too, in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in the Tar River reservoir. This rule also eliminates bow nets and dip nets for conservation purposes, but maintains opportunities for anglers to catch with rod and reel. It is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C.0314 As amended, this rule changes the minimum size limit for striped bass in Lake Norman. This rule affects anglers as it potentially allows for better angling experiences in the future, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C .0401 As amended, this rule clarifies that the daily possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate. It also allows people to possess unlimited numbers of the Asiatic clam, an invasive exotic. This rule affects anglers, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C .0402 As amended, this rule would allow anglers using a cast net to collect nongame fish to keep any white perch they catch, too, in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and the Tar River reservoir. It also adds spear, gigs, traps (up to three) and eel pots to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption. Under this change, anglers would only be required to purchase a fishing license (\$20.00) and not the additional Special Device License (\$75.00 for residents; \$500.00 for non-residents) to collect nongame fishes with these devices. Based upon a study conducted in 2010, only 46% of the special device license holders used a special fishing device, and of those anglers, 31% used one of the devices being proposed to be added to 15A NCAC 10C .0402. So it is estimated that only 14% of all special device license holders use one of the devices. The number of noncommercial special device licenses sold for the 5-year period from FY 2007-2008 to FY 2011-2012 averaged 1,544 (range 1,441 - 1,642) for residents and 26 (range 18 - 35) for nonresidents. Therefore, WRC estimates in a given year 217 residents and four nonresidents use one of the devices proposed to be added to 10C .0402. As of August 1, 2013, the noncommercial special device license will be eliminated and replaced with a single special device license (\$75 for residents and \$500 for nonresidents). Based on the new license fees, we estimate there will be \$18,275 in fiscal benefit to anglers and an associated loss of \$18,275 in revenues to the Commission.

15A NCAC 10C .0404 As amended, this rules would reduce the minimum mesh size for eel pots

in order to standardize North Carolina with other Atlantic States. This rule affects anglers but any cost incurred would be offset by the benefit gained, and it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10C .0407 As amended, this rule prohibits the use of bow nets. Bow nets are primarily used to harvest anadromous fish. Currently, all North Carolina species of anadromous are either illegal to take or otherwise are of conservation concern to the Commission. We believe the fisheries resources of the state are best served by eliminating bow nets as a legal form of take for conservation purposes. Currently, approximately 20 people who buy a special device license use bow nets, which have only limited uses. If they choose not to continue to purchase special device licenses, at \$75.00 per licenses, there will be a loss of \$1,500 in revenues to the Commission.

Subchapter D (rule text Appendix C)

15A NCAC 10D .0102 As amended, this rule would change the days and times of operations for public shooting ranges from sunrise to sunset, Monday to Saturday to posted times. Currently there is only one public shooting range in the state, but plans are underway to create more. The current range does not have a use fee and the WRC does not anticipate any new ranges to have a fee, either. The WRC wants the flexibility to set different days and times of operation for the new ranges. This rule affects the general public, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 As amended, this rule makes several changes to the management of the WRC game lands: make the Lick Creek tract of Alcoa Game Land an archery-only area for deer hunting; an area of Bladen Lakes Game Land as still hunting only for deer and bear; allow overnight primitive camping year-round in a designated camping area along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST) on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land; designate Holly Shelter Game Land as a six-day-per-week game and allow dog hunting for deer and bear on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only; relax access restrictions on the Parker Farm Tract of the Goose Creek Game Land by requiring permits only for turkey hunting ; allow hunting deer with dogs on Stones Creek Game Land on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. This rule affects game land users, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

15 A NCAC 10D .0104 As amended, this rule would designate 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan located on the Cold Mountain Game Land as Public Mountain Trout Waters (PMTW) and classify as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters. This rule is deregulatory and affects a, but it is not expected to have a substantial economic impact.

Subchapter K – Rule text located in Exhibit J-1

15A NCAC 10K .0101 As amended, this rule eliminates the mandatory 10 hours of instruction for a hunter education course and replaces it with subject-based requirements and no minimum time for instruction. This change would reduce Wildlife Enforcement Officer and

Hunter Education Specialist time required for basic hunter education classes. Enforcement Division staff averaged 8,364.5 hours teaching courses over the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years. The total hours would be reduced by approximately 40% for a 3,345.8 hour reduction in hours spent instructing courses. This 3345.8 hour reduction at a minimum hourly rate of \$19.52 equals a \$65,310.00 minimum cost benefit to the state. However, the state could lose funds from the basic hunter education program due to the loss of hours donated by volunteer instructors. In fiscal year 2012 Volunteer instructor donated 27,575 hours of instructing time. The program could lose approximately 11,030 hours of donated time based on a 40% reduction in required class hours, which could cause the state to see an approximate loss of \$318,767.00 in in-kind match towards the W-1 federal grant based on the current hourly rate of \$28.90 per hour. This value may cause to WRC to seek other sources of in-kind match for future federal aid projects. The total economic impact to the state would be: \$253,457.

STATE IMPACT ANALYSIS: The agency has concluded that there may be a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$273,232 to the State. The changes will result in different criteria for some enforcement actions, but none are anticipated to result in an increase or decrease in enforcement activity, and none will require additional enforcement hours.

LOCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS: Local governments are not involved in the enforcement of WRC rules and should incur no costs as a result of this rule.

SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS: WRC has concluded that there will be no substantial economic impact to the public as a result of the adoption of any of these proposed changes. The changes will result in minimal alterations of hunter and angler habits and conduct, and should ultimately result in non-substantial cost and benefits to the regulated community. Also, any potential costs or benefits to the general public are not expected to be substantial. Therefore, WRC has determined that the economic impact to the public does not meet the threshold impact requirement of \$1,000,000 annually.

APPENDIX A
SUBCHAPTER B

15A NCAC 10B .0111 RESTRICTIONS ON RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING

- ~~(a)~~ Axes or saws may not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.
~~(b)~~ Except in Richmond County, raccoon may not be shot during daylight hours west of US 1.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. August 1, 1981; August 1, 1979; August 1, 1978; August 1, 1977.
Amended Eff. May 1, 2014

15A NCAC 10B .0116 PERMITTED ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- (a) Only longbows and recurved bows having a minimum pull of 40 pounds, compound bows having a minimum pull of 35 pounds and crossbows shall be used for taking game.
(b) Only arrows with a fixed minimum broadhead width of seven-eighths of an inch or a mechanically opening broadhead with a width of at least seven-eighths of an inch in the open position shall be used for taking bear, deer or wild turkey. Blunt-type arrow heads may be used in taking small animals and birds including rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse and pheasants. Poisonous, drugged, barbed, or explosive arrowheads shall not be used for taking any game.
(c) Crossbows shall have a minimum pull rated at least ~~100~~ 450 pounds. Heads on bolts used with crossbows shall conform to those described for arrows in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1(a);
Eff. September 1, 1980;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2012; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2007; August 1, 2002; July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; August 1, 1990.
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014

15A NCAC 10B .0118 SALE OF WILDLIFE

- (a) The carcasses or pelts of bobcats, opossums and raccoon which have been lawfully taken by any hunting method, upon compliance with applicable fur tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400, may be sold to licensed fur dealers. The sale of carcasses or pelts of bobcats, opossum and raccoon killed accidentally or taken by hunting for control of depredations is permitted under the conditions set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0106(e)(4) and 15A NCAC 10B .0127.
(b) Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs ~~(a)~~ and (a), (d) and (e) of this Rule, the sale of game birds and game animals or parts thereof is prohibited, except that processed products other than those made from edible portions may be sold provided that no label or advertisement identifies the product as a game bird, game animal, or part thereof and provided further that the game bird or game animal was lawfully acquired. and the product is not readily identifiable as a game bird or game animal, or part thereof.
(c) The sale of edible portions or products of game birds and game animals is prohibited, except as may be otherwise provided by statute.
(d) The pelt, or feathers of deer, elk, fox, pheasant, quail, rabbit or squirrel (fox and gray), may be bought or sold for the purpose of making fishing ~~flies~~ flies provided the source of these animals can be documented as being legally obtained from out of state sources or from lawfully operated commercial breeding facilities. The buying and selling of migratory game birds shall be in accordance with C.F.R. 50, part ~~20.91(j)~~ 20.91.
(e) The Executive Director or his designee may issue Trophy Wildlife Sale permits as authorized in G.S. 113-274 for the sale of lawfully taken and possessed individual dead wildlife specimens or their parts that are mounted, stuffed, or otherwise permanently preserved that may be sold under applicable statutes. A copy of the permit must be retained with the specimen. If the Executive Director believes that issuing the permit would be contrary to the best interests of the conservation of wildlife resources, he must not issue the permit pursuant to § 113-276.2.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-291.3; 113-337; 113-274; 113-276.2
Eff. November 9, 1980;

Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; April 1, 1991; February 1, 1990.
Amended Eff. May 1, 2014

15A NCAC 10B .0120 TAKING DEER AND BEAR BIG GAME WITH HANDGUNS

Handguns of any type may be used to take deer and bear. Ammunition of any type may be used to take deer and bear, except armor-piercing projectiles shall not be used.

~~(a) Handguns used to take big game animals shall be capable of receiving and firing a type of ammunition approved for such use by this rule.~~

~~(b) Type of Ammunition. Only metallic center fire cartridges firing single projectiles shall be used to take big game with handguns. Armor piercing projectiles shall not be used.~~

~~(c) Power and Caliber. Handgun ammunition used to take big game shall be no less than .24 caliber.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1;

Eff. October 1, 1983;

Amended Eff. June 1, 2005.

Amended Eff. August 1, 2014

15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR

(a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties.
- (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in all of Bladen, Carteret, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Sampson counties.
- (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Brunswick ~~and Columbus~~ Columbus and Robeson counties.
- (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in all of ~~Alexander, Beaufort, Camden, Catawba, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Stokes, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin~~ counties.
- (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates, Hertford and Perquimans counties.
- (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A NCAC 10B.0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Warren, Wake and Yadkin counties.

(b) Restrictions

- (1) For purposes of this paragraph, bait means "any natural, unprocessed food product that is not a processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r) and is not a bear bait attractant, including scented sprays, aerosols, scent balls and scent powders."
- (2) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait on private lands only from the first open Monday through the following Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5).
- (2) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait on private lands only during the entire season in the counties identified in Subparagraph (a)(6).
- (4) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98 and Yadkin counties. In all other counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.

~~(b)(c)~~ No Open Season. There is no open season in any area not included in Paragraph (a) of this Rule or in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear sanctuaries:

Avery, Burke and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
 Beaufort, Bertie and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
 Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary
 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
 Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
 Carteret, Craven and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

~~(d)~~ (d) Bag limits shall be:

- (1) daily, one;
- (2) possession, one;
- (3) season, one.

~~(d)~~ (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be tagged and the kill reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
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 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;
 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
 Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;
 Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;
 Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1,
 2006; June 1, 2005.
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)

(a) Open Seasons (All Lawful Weapons) for hunting deer:

- (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following seasons:
 - (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond**, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland**, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

*Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.

**Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.

(B) Saturday before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes*, and Yadkin counties.

*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.

(C) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, ~~Polk~~, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

(D) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

(E) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all of ~~Cleveland~~ Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.

(2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in this Subparagraph: (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either sex seasons on Game Lands):

(A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, and in those parts of Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in that part of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

(C) Youth either sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated by agents of the Commission and the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties; and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated by agents of the Commission.

(D) The last open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties.**

*except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280

**see 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for deer of either sex seasons on game lands that differ from the days identified in this Subparagraph

- (E) The last six open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties.
- (F) The first six open days and the last six open days of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties.
- (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties:
 Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and
 Henderson. That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.

(b) Open Seasons (Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow during the following seasons:

- (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.
- (C) ~~Monday~~ Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part C of Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part C of Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule to the Sunday ~~third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday~~ before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in ~~Cleveland~~ Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties.
- (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.

(c) Open Seasons (~~Blackpowder Muzzle Loading~~ Firearms and Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be taken only with blackpowder muzzle loading ~~muzzle loading~~ firearms and bow and arrow during the following seasons:

- (A) The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.
- (B) The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.

- (C) Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in ~~Cleveland~~ Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of

counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part C of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

- (D) The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during ~~blackpowder muzzle-loading~~ firearms and bow and arrow season in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, ~~Watauga Watauga~~, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season in all other counties.

- (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the ~~blackpowder muzzle-loading~~ firearms and bow and arrow seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

- (3) As used in this Paragraph, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm — including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system — manufactured in or before 1898; and any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, black powder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and which cannot use fixed ammunition"

(d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in participating cities in the state, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following January 1 to the fifth Saturday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof that occurs within a city boundary.

- (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season must send a letter to that effect no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his designee. Cities must also submit a map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.

(3) Restrictions:

- (A) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer shall be used during the urban season.

(e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore and Richmond counties, the possession limit is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit is six deer, up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers. The season limit in all counties of the state is six deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on state-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject

to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

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APPENDIX B SUBCHAPTER C

15A NCAC 10C .0203 **RECIPROCAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS**

(a) Virginia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of Virginia and North Carolina, all valid licenses and permits authorizing sport fishing and legally obtained from the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for fishing by means of rod and reel, hook and line, casting, or trotline in the Dan River east of the ~~Brantly Steam Plant~~ Union Street Dam at Danville, and east of the ~~Rte. 360 bridge~~ mouth of Difficult Creek on the Staunton River arm of Kerr Reservoir to the Gaston Dam on the Roanoke River, including all tributary waters lying in either Virginia or North Carolina which are accessible by boat from the main bodies of the Kerr and Gaston Reservoirs, or from the Island Creek subimpoundment. ~~The Rte. 360 bridge is the first bridge crossing the Staunton River upstream of Kerr Reservoir.~~ Senior citizen and juvenile license exemptions authorized by either state will be honored by both states. In addition, all valid fishing licenses and permits legally obtained from the Virginia Game and Fish Commission or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for fishing with rod and reel, hook and line or by casting in that portion of the New River between the confluence of the North and South forks of the New River in North Carolina (Alleghany County) and the confluence of the New and Little Rivers in Virginia (Grayson County).

(b) Georgia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and Georgia, all valid statewide fishing licenses, permits and license exemptions required by and legally obtained from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, or duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for the purposes of fishing with hook and line in all of Chatuge Reservoir including all tributary waters lying in either Georgia or North Carolina which are accessible by boat from the main body of Chatuge Reservoir. All persons fishing in the waters of Chatuge Reservoir beyond the bounds of the state from which they hold a valid fishing license, shall be authorized to fish with said license only from boats not anchored to the shore or to a pier or boat dock connecting to the shore.

(c) Tennessee. In that portion of Slick Rock Creek which coincides with the state line between North Carolina and Tennessee and in all of Calderwood Reservoir, when fishing from boat, all valid statewide fishing licenses obtained from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, or the duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for the purposes of fishing with hook and line or fishing in designated mountain trout waters, according to the tenor thereof.

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15A NCAC 10C .0205 **PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

(a) Designation of Public Mountain Trout Waters. For the purposes of this Rule, artificial lure is defined as a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell. Natural bait is defined as any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell. The waters listed herein or in 15A NCAC 10D .0104 are designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Wild Trout Waters or Hatchery Supported Waters. For specific classifications, see Subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Paragraph. These waters are posted and lists thereof are filed with the clerks of superior court of the counties in which they are located:

- (1) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. The listed waters in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1)(A) through (Y) are classified as Hatchery Supported Public Mountain Trout Waters. Where specific watercourses or impoundments are listed, indentation indicates that the watercourse or impoundment listed is tributary to the next preceding watercourse or impoundment listed and not so indented. This classification applies to the entire watercourse or impoundment listed except as otherwise indicated in parentheses following the listing. Other clarifying information may also be included parenthetically. The tributaries of listed watercourses or impoundments are not included in the classification unless specifically set out therein.

- (A) Alleghany County:
New River (not trout water)

Little River (Whitehead to McCann Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to portion between Whitehead and a point 275 yards downstream of the intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Brush Creek (NC 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where posted against trespass)

Big Pine Creek

(Big) Glade Creek

Bledsoe Creek

Pine Swamp Creek

South Fork New River (not trout water)

Prather Creek

Cranberry Creek

Piney Fork

Meadow Fork

(B) Ashe County:

New River (not trout waters)

North Fork New River (Watauga County line to Sharp Dam)

Helton Creek (Virginia State line to New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at SR 1363 to confluence with North Fork New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to portion between SR 1324 bridge and North Fork New River. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Buffalo Creek (SR 1133 bridge to NC 194-88 bridge)

Big Laurel Creek

Three Top Creek (portion not on game lands)

South Fork New River (Todd Island park) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]

Cranberry Creek (Alleghany County line to South Fork New River)

Nathans Creek

Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)

Trout Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Roan Creek

Beaver Creek

Old Fields Creek

(C) Avery County:

Nolichucky River (not trout waters)

North Toe River – upper (Watauga Street to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespass)

North Toe River – lower (SR 1164 to Mitchell County line, except where posted against trespass)

Squirrel Creek

Elk River (SR 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee State line)

Wildcat Lake

Catawba River (not trout water)

Johns River (not trout water)

Wilson Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]

Lost Cove Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]

Buck Timber Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]

- Cary Flat Branch [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]
 Boyde Coffey Lake
 Linville River [Land Harbor line (below dam) to Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespass]
 Milltimber Creek
- (D) Buncombe County:
 French Broad River (not trout water)
 Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to US 19-23 bridge)
 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
 Stony Creek
 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)
 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to US 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespass)
 Swannanoa River (SR 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue Bridge, intersection of NC 81W and US 74A in Asheville, except where posted against trespass)
 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
 Lake Powhatan
 Rich Branch (downstream from confluence with Rocky Branch)
 Cane Creek (headwaters to SR 3138 bridge)
- (E) Burke County:
 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam) [Special Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(7) of this Rule.]
 South Fork Catawba River (not trout water)
 Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to SR 1919 at Ivy Creek)
 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountain State Park boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 Johns River (not trout water)
 Parks Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)
 Carroll Creek (game lands portion above SR 1405)
 Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on SR 1223 to Muddy Creek)
- (F) Caldwell County:
 Catawba River (not trout water)
 Johns River (not trout water)
 Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Brown Mountain Beach dam, except where posted against trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to game lands portion between Lost Cove Creek and Phillips Branch. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 Estes Mill Creek (not trout water)
 Mulberry Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)
 Boone Fork [not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]
 Boone Fork Pond
 Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to SR 1515)
 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of SR 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
- (G) Cherokee County:
 Hiwassee River (not trout water)
 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Highway (SR 1325) bridge to Tennessee line)
 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)

- Valley River (headwaters to US 19 business bridge in Murphy)
- Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
- Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
- (H) Clay County:
 - Hiwassee River (not trout water)
 - Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Fires Creek (foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area to SR 1300)
 - Tusquitee Creek (headwaters to lower SR 1300 bridge)
 - Nantahala River (not trout water)
 - Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of US 64 bridge)
- (I) Graham County:
 - Little Tennessee River (not trout water)
 - Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)
 - Cheoah River (not trout water)
 - Yellow Creek (Lake Santeelah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
 - Santeetlah Reservoir (not trout water)
 - West Buffalo Creek
 - Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeelah)
 - Big Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to SR 1127 bridge)
 - Tulula Creek (headwaters to lower bridge on SR 1275)
 - Cheoah Reservoir
 - Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)
 - Stecoah Creek
 - Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
- (J) Haywood County:
 - Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream US 19-23 bridge)
 - Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
 - Jonathan Creek (upstream SR 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against trespass)
 - Richland Creek (Russ Avenue (US 276) bridge to US 19 bridge)
 - West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (K) Henderson County:
 - (Rocky) Broad River (Rocky River Lane to Rutherford County line)
 - Green River (Lake Summit Powerhouse to game land boundary)
 - (Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)
 - French Broad River (not trout water)
 - Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream SR 1551 to US 25 bridge)
 - Mud Creek (not trout water)
 - Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to SR 1582)
 - Mills River (not trout water)
 - North Fork Mills River (~~game lands portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary~~). [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (L) Jackson County:
 - Tuckasegee River (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to SR 1534 bridge at Wilmot) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between the

downstream NC 107 bridge and the falls located 275 yards ~~upstreams~~ upstream of US 23-441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Scott Creek (entire stream, except where posted against trespass)

Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scotts Creek)

Savannah Creek (Headwaters to Bradley's Packing House on NC 116)

Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on SR 1730 to Savannah Creek)

Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)

Cedar Cliff Lake

Bear Creek Lake

Wolf Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]

Wolf Creek Lake

Balsam Lake

Tanasee Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]

Tanasee Creek Lake

(M) Macon County:

Little Tennessee River (not trout water)

Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Swain County line) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Queens Creek Lake

Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)

Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to US 64 bridge near junction of SR 1672)

~~Skitty Creek~~

Cliffside Lake

Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream US 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)

(N) Madison County:

French Broad River (not trout water)

Shut-in Creek

West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-in Creek)

Spring Creek - upper (junction of NC 209 and NC 63 to US Forest Service road 223)

Spring Creek - lower (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Avenue) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Meadow Fork Creek

Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)

Max Patch Pond

Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill Watershed boundary to the SR 1318 bridge, also known as Big Laurel Road bridge, downstream of Bearpen Branch)

Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to US 25-70 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Spillcorn Creek

Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to NC 208 bridge at Belva)

Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)

Big Pine Creek (SR 1151 bridge to French Broad River)

Ivy Creek (not trout waters)

Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)

- (O) McDowell County:
 Catawba River – upper (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
 Catawba River – lower (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 Buck Creek (portion not on game lands, not trout water)
 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
 Curtis Creek game lands portion downstream of US Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch. [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to SR 1569 bridge)
 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to I 40 bridge, except where posted against trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between US 70 bridge and I 40 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (P) Mitchell County:
 Nolichucky River (not trout water)
 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to NC 226 bridge at SR 1307 intersection)
 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek Bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against trespass)
 Cane Creek (SR 1219 to SR 1189 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion from NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
 East Fork Grassy Creek
 North Toe River (Avery County line to SR 1121 bridge)
 North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (Q) Polk County:
 Broad River (not trout water)
 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to NC 108 bridge)
 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the natural gas pipeline crossing) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Fishtop Falls Access Area to Cove Creek. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (R) Rutherford County:
 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson County line to US 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespass)
- (S) Stokes County:
 Dan River (Virginia State line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of SR 1421)
- (T) Surry County:
 Yadkin River (not trout water)
 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of NC 268 bridge to a point 265 yards downstream of NC 268 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)
 Ararat River (SR 1727 bridge downstream to the NC 103 bridge)
 Araat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 Stewarts Creek (not trout water)
 Pauls Creek (Virginia State line to 0.3 mile below SR 1625 bridge - lower Caudle property line)
 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia State line to Interstate 77)
 Little Fisher River (Virginia State line to NC 89 bridge)
 Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (U) Swain County:
 Little Tennessee River (not trout water)

- Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)
- Cheoah Reservoir
- Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)
 - Alarka Creek (game lands boundary to Fontana Reservoir)
 - Nantahala River (Macon County line to existing Fontana Reservoir water level)
- Tuckasegee River (not trout water)
 - Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
 - Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
- (V) Transylvania County:
 - French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork French Broad River to the Island Ford Road (SR 1110) Access Area)
 - Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower US Forest Service boundary line)
 - East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Little River (confluence of Lake Dense outflow to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Middle Fork French Broad River
 - West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork French Broad River)
- (W) Watauga County:
 - New River (not trout waters)
 - South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of US 421 bridge to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)
 - Meat Camp Creek
 - Norris Fork Creek
 - Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola Dam to South Fork New River)
 - Yadkin River (not trout water)
 - Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes County line)
 - Elk Creek (SR 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes County line, except where posted against trespass)
 - Watauga River (~~adjacent to the intersection of SR 1557 and SR 1558 to NC 105 bridge and SR 1114 upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis).~~ [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Watauga River lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]
 - Beech Creek
 - Buckeye Creek Reservoir
 - Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
 - Coffee Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of SR 1201 and SR 1203)
 - Laurel Creek
 - Cove Creek (SR 1233 bridge at Zionville to SR 1233 bridge at Amantha)
 - Dutch Creek (second bridge on SR 1134 to mouth)
- (X) Wilkes County:
 - Yadkin River (not trout water)
 - Roaring River (not trout water)
 - East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to Brewer's Mill on SR 1943)

- Stone Mountain Creek [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1736)
 - Bell Branch Pond
 - Boundary Line Pond
- West Prong Roaring River (not trout waters)
 - Pike Creek
 - Pike Creek Pond
 - Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of SR 2460 bridge to SR 1001 bridge)
 - Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on SR 1580)
 - South Fork Reddies River (SR 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)
 - North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on SR 1559)
 - Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on SR 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)
 - Lewis Fork Creek (not trout water)
 - South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to SR 1155 bridge)
 - Fall Creek (SR 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork except portions posted against trespass)
 - Elk Creek – upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain Club) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
 - Elk Creek – lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (Y) Yancey County:
 - Nolichucky River (not trout water)
 - Cane River [Bee Branch (SR 1110) to Bowlens Creek]
 - Bald Mountain Creek (except portions posted against trespass)
 - Indian Creek (not trout water)
 - Price Creek (junction of SR 1120 and SR 1121 to Indian Creek)
 - North Toe River (not trout water)
 - South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey County recreation park except where posted against trespass)
- (2) Wild Trout Waters. All waters designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of 15A NCAC 10D .0104, are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. The trout waters listed in this Subparagraph are also classified as Wild Trout Waters.
 - (A) Alleghany County:
 - Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
 - Stone Mountain Creek (that portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
 - (B) Ashe County:
 - Big Horse Creek (Virginia State Line to Mud Creek at SR 1363) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
 - Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game Land) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
 - (C) Avery County:
 - Birchfield Creek (entire stream)
 - Cow Camp Creek (entire stream)
 - Cranberry Creek (headwaters to US 19E/NC 194 bridge)

Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond) [Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]

Gragg Prong (entire stream)

Horse Creek (entire stream)

Jones Creek (entire stream)

Kentucky Creek (entire stream)

North Harper Creek (entire stream)

Plumtree Creek (entire stream)

Roaring Creek (entire stream)

Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)

Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)

South Harper Creek (entire stream)

Webb Prong (entire stream)

Wilson Creek [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]

(D) Buncombe County:

Carter Creek (game land portion) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]

(E) Burke County:

All waters located on South Mountain State Park, except Clear Creek Reservoir, the main stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinny Creek and the lower park boundary where Delayed Harvest Regulations apply, and Henry Fork and tributaries where Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraphs (a)(3) and (a)(5) of this Rule.

Nettle Branch (game land portion)

(F) Caldwell County:

Buffalo Creek (Watauga County line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game lands)

Joes Creek (Watauga County line to first falls upstream of the end of SR 1574)

Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)

(G) Cherokee County:

Bald Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

Dockery Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

North Shoal Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

(H) Graham County:

Franks Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

Little Buffalo Creek (entire stream)

South Fork Squally Creek (entire stream)

Squally Creek (entire stream)

(I) Haywood County

Hemphill Creek [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of the Rule.]

Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

(J) Jackson County:

Buff Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]

Gage Creek (entire stream)

North Fork Scott Creek (entire stream)

Tanasee Creek (entire stream)

Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)

- Wolf Creek (entire stream, except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
- (K) Madison County:
Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- (L) Mitchell County:
Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, except where posted against trespass)
Little Rock Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespass)
Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (M) Transylvania County:
All waters located on Gorges State Park
Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)
- (N) Watauga County:
Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1134)
Howard Creek (entire stream)
Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain developments, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe County line)
Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Road bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations Apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
Watauga River (Avery County line to SR 1580 bridge)
Winkler Creek (lower bridge on SR 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
- (O) Wilkes County:
Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
Harris Creek and tributaries (portions on Stone Mountain State Park) [Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]
Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- (P) Yancey County:
Cattail Creek (Bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road (Private) to NC 197 bridge)
Lickskillet Creek (entire stream)
Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (3) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only waters. Only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:
- (A) Ashe County:
Big Horse Creek (Virginia State line to Mud Creek at SR 1363 excluding tributaries)
Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game Lands)
- (B) Avery County:
Wilson Creek (game land portion)
- (C) Buncombe County:
Carter Creek (game land portion)
- (D) Burke County:

- Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)
- (E) Haywood County:
West Fork Pigeon River (game land portion below Lake Logan Dam)
- ~~(E)~~(F) Jackson County:
 Flat Creek
 Tuckasegee River (upstream of Clarke property)
- ~~(F)~~(G) McDowell County:
 Newberry Creek (game land portion)
- ~~(G)~~(H) Watauga County:
 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)
 Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain developments, including tributaries)
 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake)
- ~~(H)~~(I) Wilkes County:
 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)
- (4) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only waters. Only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:
- (A) Avery County:
 Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
- (B) Transylvania County:
 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)
- (C) Yancey County:
 South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek, including tributaries)
 Upper Creek (entire stream)
- (5) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. Those portions of designated Hatchery Supported Trout Waters as listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Delayed Harvest Waters. Between 1 October and one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, inclusive, it is unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout while fishing these waters. These waters are closed to fishing between one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June and 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June. At 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June these waters are open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for youth anglers only. Youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age. At 12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday in June these streams open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for all anglers:
- (A) Alleghany County:
 Little River (Whitehead to a point 275 yards downstream of the intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank)
- (B) Ashe County:
 Trout Lake
 Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)
 South Fork New River (Todd Island Park)
 Big Horse Creek (SR 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
- (C) Burke County:
 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)
- (D) Caldwell County:
 Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch)
- (E) Clay County:
 Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- (F) Graham County;

- (G) (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579)
Haywood County:
West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)
- (H) Henderson County:
North Fork Mills River (~~game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary~~)
- (I) Jackson County:
Tuckasegee River (downstream NC 107 bridge falls located 275 yards upstream of the US 23-441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)
- (J) Macon County:
Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- (K) Madison County:
Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to the US 25-70 bridge)
Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
Spring Creek (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Avenue)
- (L) McDowell County:
Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
Curtis Creek (game lands portion downstream of U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch)
Mill Creek (US70 bridge to I 40 bridge)
- (M) Mitchell County:
Cane Creek (NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge)
North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge)
- (N) Polk County:
Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to confluence with Cove Creek)
- (O) Surry County:
Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam)
Ararat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge)
- (P) Transylvania County:
East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)
Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- (Q) Watauga County:
~~Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of SR 1557 and SR 1558 to NC 105 bridge and SR 1114 upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)~~
Watauga River lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)
Coffee Lake
- (R) Wilkes County:
East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary)
Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny County line to confluence with East Prong)
Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park)
Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin River)
Elk Creek – upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain Club)
Elk Creek – lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
- (6) Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters. Those portions of designated Wild Trout Waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters. All artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, are allowed provided they are fished using only one single hook. The creel limit, size limit, and open season are the same as other Wild Trout Waters [see 15A NCAC 10C .0305(a)]:
- (A) Cherokee County:

- Bald Creek (game land portions)
- Dockery Creek (game land portions)
- North Shoal Creek (game land portions)
- (B) Graham County:
 - Deep Creek
 - Long Creek (game land portion)
 - Franks Creek
- (C) Haywood County:
 - Hemphill Creek (including tributaries)
 - Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)
- (D) Jackson County:
 - Buff Creek
 - Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
 - (lower) Fowler Creek (game land portion)
 - Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
- (E) Macon County:
 - Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
 - Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
 - Kimsey Creek
 - Overflow Creek (game land portion)
 - Park Creek
 - Tellico Creek (game land portion)
 - Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
- (F) Madison County:
 - Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)
- (G) Transylvania County:
 - North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of SR 1326)
 - Thompson River (SR 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against trespass, including portions of tributaries within this section located on game lands)
- (7) Special Regulation Trout Waters. Those portions of Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters as listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries as noted, are further classified as Special Regulation Trout Waters. Regulations specific to each water are defined below:
 - Burke County
 - Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam).
 - Regulation: The daily creel limit is 7 trout and only one of which may be greater than 14 inches in length. There are no bait restrictions and no closed season.
- (b) Fishing in Trout Waters
 - (1) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. It is unlawful to take fish of any kind by any manner from designated public mountain trout waters during the closed seasons for trout fishing. The seasons, size limits, creel limits and possession limits apply in all waters, whether designated or not, as public mountain trout waters. Except in power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs so designated, it is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters with more than one line. Night fishing is not allowed in most hatchery supported trout waters on game lands [see 15A NCAC 10D .0104(b)(1)].
 - (2) Wild Trout Waters. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraphs (a)(3), (a)(4), and (a)(6) of this Rule, the following rules apply to fishing in wild trout waters.
 - (A) Open Season. There is a year round open season for the licensed taking of trout.
 - (B) Creel Limit. The daily creel limit is four trout.
 - (C) Size Limit. The minimum size limit is seven inches.
 - (D) Manner of Taking. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person shall possess natural bait while fishing wild trout waters except those waters listed in Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.
 - (E) Night Fishing. Fishing on wild trout waters is not allowed between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

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1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.
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15A NCAC 10C .0206 TROTLINES AND SET-HOOKS

(a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "set-hook" means any hook and line that is attached at one end only to a stationary or floating object and that is not under immediate control and attendance of the person using the device.
- (2) "jug-hook" means a single hook and line attached to a float.
- (3) "untended" means no bait is present on the device.

(b) Except as otherwise prohibited in this Rule, trotlines and set-hooks may be set in the inland waters of North Carolina, provided no live bait is used. Trotlines and set-hooks may not be set in any of the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land. Trotlines and set-hooks may not be set in any designated public mountain trout waters except impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing. In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be set only from October 1 through April 30.

(c) Each trotline, set hook, and jug hook shall bear legible and indelible identification of the user's name and ~~address.~~ address or the user's WRC customer number. Each trotline shall be conspicuously marked at each end and each set-hook conspicuously marked at one end with a flag, float, or other prominent object so that its location is readily discernible by boat operators and swimmers. Trotlines shall be set parallel to the nearest shore in all inland fishing waters unless otherwise prohibited. The number of jug-hooks that may be fished is limited to 70 per boat. All trotlines, throwlines, set-hooks, and jug-hooks shall be fished at least once daily and all fish removed at that time. Untended trotlines, set-hooks, and jug-hooks may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement officers when located in areas of multiple water use. It is unlawful to use metal cans or glass jugs as floats.

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15A NCAC 10C .0217 Public Access for Anglers Only

(a) A landowner who has accepted from the Wildlife Resources Commission a sign indicating Public Access for Fishing Only and posted such sign on his property agrees to allow any licensed angler, and accompanying youths, to cross his or her property in order to access public waters for the purpose of fishing.

(b) By accepting and posting the Public Access for Fishing Only sign the landowner has designated the Wildlife Resources Commission as an agent as described in G.S. 14-159.6. As agent, the Commission confers access to any member of the public with a valid fishing license and accompanying youths. Anglers who access property under the terms of this Rule are prohibited from engaging in any of these activities while on the private property unless otherwise posted:

- (1) building fires;
- (2) littering;
- (3) swimming;
- (4) launching or retrieving boats;

- (5) causing property damage;
- (6) entering before 7 am; and
- (7) remaining on the property after 9 pm.

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15A NCAC 10C .0302 MANNER OF TAKING INLAND GAME FISHES

- (a) Except as provided in this Rule, it is unlawful for any person to take inland game fishes from any of the waters of North Carolina by any method other than with hook and line. Landing nets may be used to land fishes caught on hook and line. Game fishes taken incidental to commercial fishing operations in joint fishing waters or coastal fishing waters shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed. Game fishes taken incidental to the use of ~~licensed~~ special devices for taking nongame fishes as authorized in Rule 10C .0402 of this Subchapter or from inland fishing waters as authorized by 15A NCAC 10C .0407 by anglers licensed under G.S. 113-272.2(c) shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed, ~~except that a daily creel limit of American and hickory shad may be taken with dip nets and bow nets from March 1 through April 30 in those waters where such gear may be lawfully used.~~ except white perch may be taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County). –
- (b) In the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. 258 bridge, only a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook may be used from 1 April to 30 June. Barbless as used in this Rule, requires that the hook does not have a barb or the barb is bent down.

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15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS

- (a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is eight fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, but only two of them may be less than 16 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) of this Rule.
- (b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 24 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.
- (c) In the Cape Fear River upstream of Buckhorn Dam; the Deep River to the first impoundment; the Haw River to the first impoundment; B. Everett Jordan Reservoir; Lake Rhodhiss; Lake Hickory; and Lookout Shoals Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches.
- (d) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.
- (e) In Lake Norman the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the ~~aggregate. The aggregate and the minimum size limit for these fish is 16 inches. inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.~~
- (f) In Lake Matamuskeet and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit is three fish in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 18 inches.
- (g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (f), (h), (i) and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 18 inches but no Striped Bass or hybrids between the lengths of 22 inches and 27 inches shall be possessed. In these waters, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.

- (h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.
- (i) In the inland and joint fishing waters [as identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107(1)(e)] of the Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the open season the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate, the minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be retained in the daily creel limit. Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be retained in the daily creel limit.
- (j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie River and their tributaries), Striped Bass fishing season, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established by ~~rules~~ Rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
- (k) The Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend or extend the hook-and-line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES: PURCHASE AND SALE

- (a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, it is unlawful to take nongame fishes from the inland fishing waters of North Carolina in any manner other than with hook and line or grabbling. Nongame fishes may be taken by hook and line or grabbling at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel limits, with the following exceptions:
- (1) Blue crabs shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and it is unlawful to possess more than 50 crabs per person per day or to exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.
 - (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no person shall take river herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length or possess such herring regardless of origin in:
 - (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam,
 - (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam,
 - (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam,
 - (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam,
 - (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam,
 - (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek,
 - (G) all the tributaries to the rivers listed above,
 - (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
 - (3) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman, Mountain Island ~~Reservoir and Reservoir, Lake Wylie, Wylie and John H. Kerr Reservoir,~~ except that one fish per day may be taken ~~by bow and arrow with archery equipment.~~
 - (4) No trotlines or set-hooks shall be used in the impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land or in designated public mountain trout waters.
 - (5) In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be used only from October 1 through April 30.
 - (6) In inland fishing waters, gray trout (weakfish) recreational seasons, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established by Marine Fisheries Commission rule or proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
- (b) The season for taking nongame fishes by other hook and line methods in designated public mountain trout waters is the same as the trout fishing season.
- (c) Nongame fishes, except alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties), blue crab, and bowfin, taken by hook and line, grabbling or by licensed special devices may be sold. Eels less than ~~six~~ nine inches in length may not be taken from inland waters for any purpose.
- (d) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake in Orange County. ~~It is~~

~~unlawful to possess more than 200 freshwater mussels.~~ The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).

(e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate. Waters to which this creel limit applies shall be posted, as specified in 15A NCAC 10E .0103.

(f) In Lake Norman and Badin Lake, the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish.

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15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION

(a) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in the inland waters of North Carolina using equipment other than:

- (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
- (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw where there is no length limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
- (3) a cast net;
- (4) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);
- (5) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC 10C .0407;
- (6) up to two eels pots;
- (7) a spear gun;
- ~~(4)~~(8) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings not exceeding one inch in diameter, and that are under the immediate control and attendance of the individual operating them;
- ~~(5)~~(9) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;
- ~~(6)~~(10) a single, multiple-bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length, marked on each end with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter, bearing legible and indelible identification of the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person using the device; with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or
- ~~(7)~~(11) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by design is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to the bottom, with a limit of one trap per person.

(b) It is unlawful to sell nongame fishes or aquatic animals taken under this Rule.

(c) Game fishes ~~and their young~~ taken while netting for bait shall be returned unharmed to the ~~water.~~ water, except white perch may be taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).

(d) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal consumption subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) No more than ~~50~~ 25 eels, none of which may be less than ~~six~~ nine inches in length, shall be taken or possessed from inland fishing waters;

- (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken and no such river herring shall be possessed regardless of origin:
 - (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam,
 - (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam,
 - (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam,
 - (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam,
 - (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam,
 - (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek,
 - (G) the tributaries to the rivers listed above,
 - (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
- (3) No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.
- (e) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.
- (f) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or any other fish bait from designated public mountain trout waters and from the bodies of water specified for the following counties:
 - (1) Chatham County
 - Deep River
 - Rocky River
 - Bear Creek
 - (2) Lee County
 - Deep River
 - (3) Moore County
 - Deep River
 - (4) Randolph County
 - Deep River below the Coleridge Dam
 - Fork Creek
- (g) In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess or release live alewife or live blueback herring.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001; Amended Eff. July 18, 2002; Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003; Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003); Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006. Amended Eff. August 1, 2014

15A NCAC 10C .0404 SPECIAL DEVICE FISHING

- (a) ~~Bow and Arrow. The use of bow [as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116(a)] and arrow~~ Archery equipment. The use of archery equipment, as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116, as a licensed special device is authorized for taking nongame fishes at any time from all inland fishing waters other than impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land and designated public mountain trout waters. Unless prohibited by Marine Fisheries Commission rules in 15A NCAC 03, bow and arrow may be used in joint fishing waters.
- (b) Nets. Where authorized, manually operated nets, including seines and bow, cast, dip, gill, drift and fyke nets may be used under the special device fishing license. No fixed gill net or other stationary net which may be authorized as a special fishing device may be more than 100 yards in length, nor shall any such net be placed within 50 yards of any other fixed net. Fixed nets must be set so that they run parallel to the nearest shoreline. No anchored or fixed gill net or drift net shall be used unless such net is marked for the protection of boat operators. A net shall be deemed so marked when there is attached to it at each end two separate yellow buoys which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material no less than five inches in its smallest dimensions. The owner shall be

identified on a buoy on each end either by using engraved buoys or by attaching engraved metal or plastic tags to the buoys. Such identification shall include one of the following:

- (1) owner's N.C. motor boat registration number;
- (2) owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or
- (3) owner's last name and initials.

It is unlawful to attach gill nets to any wire, rope, or similar device extended across any navigable watercourse.

(c) Traps. Baskets and traps, excluding collapsible crab traps, may be used under the special device fishing license. Such devices when set and left unattended shall be affixed with a card or tag furnished by the license holder and upon which his name and address shall be legibly and indelibly inscribed. No fish trap may exceed 60 inches in length or 30 inches in depth or width. No lead nets, wing nets, or other device designed to guide or herd fish may be attached to the trap or used or set within 25 feet of the trap.

(d) Spears. Manually operated gigs or under-water spear or harpoon guns may be used under the special fishing device license in the inland waters having a season for their use specified in Rule .0407 of this Section.

(e) Crab pots. It is unlawful to use crab pots in inland fishing waters, except by persons owning property adjacent to the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries who are permitted to set two crab pots to be attached to their property and not subject to special device license requirements.

(f) Eel pots. It is unlawful to use pots with mesh sizes smaller than ~~one one-half inch~~ one one-half inch by ~~one-half inch~~ one-half inch ~~inches unless such pots contain an escape panel that is at least four inches square with a mesh size of one inch by one-half inch located in the outside panel of the upper chamber of rectangular pots and in the rear portion of cylindrical pots.~~ Each pot must be marked by attaching a floating buoy which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material and no less than five inches in diameter and no less than five inches in length. Buoys may be of any color except yellow. The owner shall be identified on the attached buoy by using engraved buoys or by engraved metal or plastic tags attached to the buoy. Such identification shall include one of the following:

- (1) owner's N.C. motorboat registration number;
- (2) owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or
- (3) owner's last name and initials.

(g) Hand-crank electrofisher. For the purposes of this rule, a hand-crank electrofisher is any manually-operated device which is capable of generating a low voltage electrical current not exceeding 300 volts for the taking of catfish. Hand-crank electrofishers may be used only where authorized by local law and only in those waters specified in 15A NCAC 10C .0407.

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15A NCAC 10C .0407 PERMITTED SPECIAL DEVICES AND OPEN SEASONS

Except in designated public mountain trout waters, and in impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land, there is a year-round open season for the licensed taking of nongame fishes by archery equipment ~~bow and arrow~~. The use of special fishing devices, including crab pots in impoundments located entirely on game lands is prohibited. Seasons and waters in which the use of other special devices is authorized are indicated by counties below:

- (1) Alamance:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Alamance Creek below NC 49 bridge and Haw River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- (2) Alexander: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lake Hickory and Lookout Shoals Reservoir;
- (3) Alleghany: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (4) Anson:
 - (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
 - (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;~~

- ~~(e)~~(b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
- (5) Ashe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River (both forks), except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (6) Beaufort:
 - (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Pungo River, and in the Tar and Pamlico Rivers above Norfolk and Southern Railroad bridge; and with gigs in all inland public waters;
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters;~~
- (7) Bertie:
 - ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Broad Creek (tributary of Roanoke);~~
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- (8) Bladen:
 - ~~(a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black River;~~
 - ~~(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Cape Fear River between Lock and Dam 1 and 3 and in Black River, except that hand-crank electrofishing is prohibited within 400 yards of Lock and Dam 1, 2, and 3 on Cape Fear River;~~
- ~~(9) Brunswick: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Alligator Creek, Hoods Creek, Indian Creek, Orton Creek below Orton Pond, Rices Creek, Sturgeon Creek and Town Creek;~~
- ~~(10)~~(9) Buncombe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(11)~~(10) Burke:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Johns River and designated public mountain trout waters;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- ~~(12)~~(11) Cabarrus:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(13)~~(12) Caldwell: July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(14)~~(13) Camden:
 - ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters;~~
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(15) Carteret: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters except South River and the tributaries of the White Oak River;~~
- ~~(16)~~(14) Caswell:
 - (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
 - (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Moons Creek;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Hyco Reservoir;
- ~~(17)~~(15) Catawba:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Catawba River below Lookout Dam;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, spear guns, and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(18)~~(16) Chatham:
 - (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets in the Cape Fear River, Deep River, Haw River and Rocky River (local law);
 - (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Cape Fear River, and Haw River;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(19)~~(17) Cherokee: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(20)~~(18) Chowan:
 - ~~(a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~

- ~~(b)~~—July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- ~~(21)~~(19) Clay: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(22)~~(20) Cleveland:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- ~~(23)~~(21) Columbus:
- (a) December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters, except Lake Waccamaw and its tributaries;
- ~~(b)~~—March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Livingston Creek;
- ~~(c)~~(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Waccamaw and Lumber rivers;
- ~~(24)~~(22) Craven:
- ~~(a)~~—July 1 to June 30 with traps in the main run of the Trent and Neuse Rivers;
- ~~(b)~~—March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Pitch Kettle, Grindle, Slocum (downstream of the US 70 bridge), Spring and Hancock Creeks and their tributaries; and with seines in the Neuse River;
- ~~(25)~~(23) Currituck:
- ~~(a)~~—July 1 to June 30 with traps in Tulls Creek and Northwest River;
- ~~(b)~~—March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- ~~(26)~~(24) Dare:
- ~~(a)~~—July 1 to June 30 with traps in Mashoes Creek, Milltail Creek, East Lake and South Lake;
- ~~(b)~~—March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- ~~(27)~~(25) Davidson:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in all public waters except Leonard's Creek, Abbott's Creek below Lake Thom-A-Lex dam, and the Abbott's Creek arm of High Rock Lake upstream from the NC 8 bridge;
- ~~(28)~~(26) Davie:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (b) July 1 to August 31 for taking only carp and suckers with seines in Dutchmans Creek from US 601 to Yadkin River and in Hunting Creek from SR 1338 to South Yadkin River;
- ~~(29)~~(27) Duplin:
- ~~(a)~~—December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- ~~(b)~~—March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- ~~(30)~~(28) Durham:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Neuse River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(31)~~—Edgecombe: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all public waters;
- ~~(32)~~(29) Forsyth: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- ~~(33)~~(30) Franklin:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Tar River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Parrish, Laurel Mill, Jackson, Clifton, Moore's and Perry's Ponds, and in the Franklinton City ponds;
- ~~(34)~~(31) Gaston:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- ~~(35)~~—Gates: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;

- ~~(36)~~(32) Graham: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(37)~~(33) Granville:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Kerr Reservoir;
 - (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Neuse River and the Tar River below US 158 bridge;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- ~~(38)~~(34) Greene: March 1 to April 30 with ~~bow nets and~~ reels in Contentnea Creek;
- ~~(39)~~(35) Guilford:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River, Deep River below Jamestown Dam, and Reedy Fork Creek below US 29 bridge;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(40)~~ Halifax: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Beech Swamp, Clarks Canal, Conoconnara Swamp, Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam, Kehukee Swamp, Looking Glass Gut, Quankey Creek, and White's Mill Pond Run;~~
- ~~(41)~~(36) Harnett:
- ~~(a)~~ January 1 to May 31 with gigs in Cape Fear River and tributaries;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Cape Fear River;~~
- ~~(42)~~(37) Haywood: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Lake Junaluska and designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(43)~~(38) Henderson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(44)~~(39) Hertford:
- ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in Wiccacon Creek;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(45)~~(40) Hyde:
- ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(46)~~(41) Iredell: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lookout Shoals Reservoir and Lake Norman;
- ~~(47)~~(40) Jackson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(48)~~ Johnston: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black Creek, Little River, Middle Creek, Mill Creek, Neuse River and Swift Creek;~~
- ~~(49)~~(41) Jones:
- ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Trent River below US 17 bridge and White Oak River below US 17 bridge;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except the tributaries to the White Oak River;~~
- ~~(50)~~(42) Lee:
- (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets (local law) in Cape Fear River and Deep River;
 - (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Cape Fear River;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River, and with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(51)~~(43) Lenoir:
- ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River below US 70 bridge at Kinston;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Neuse River and Contentnea Creek upstream from NC 118 bridge at Grifton; and with seines in Neuse River;~~
- ~~(52)~~(44) Lincoln:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters;
- ~~(53)~~(45) McDowell:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;

- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- ~~(54)~~(46) Macon: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(55)~~(47) Madison: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(56)~~ Martin: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(57)~~(48) Mecklenburg:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters except Freedom Park Pond and Hornet's Nest Ponds;
- ~~(58)~~(49) Montgomery:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(59)~~(50) Moore:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters except in Deep River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land; and with traps in Deep River and its tributaries;
- ~~(60)~~(51) Nash:
 - ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Tar River;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Tar River below Harris' Landing and Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam;~~
- ~~(61)~~(52) New Hanover: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Sutton (Catfish) Lake;
- ~~(62)~~(53) Northampton:
 - ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoirs and the Roanoke River above the US 301 bridge;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Oeconechee Creek, Old River Landing Gut and Vaughans Creek below Watsons Mill;~~
- ~~(63)~~(54) Onslow:
 - (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in White Oak River below US 17 bridge;
 - (b) August 1 to March 31 with eel pots in the main run of New River between US 17 bridge and the mouth of Hawkins Creek;
 - ~~(c)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of New River and in the main run of the White Oak River;~~
 - ~~(d)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Grant's Creek;~~
- ~~(64)~~(55) Orange:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River,
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(65)~~ Pamlico: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Dawson Creek;~~
- ~~(66)~~(56) Pasquotank:
 - ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(67)~~(57) Pender:
 - (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of Northeast Cape Fear River;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Northeast Cape Fear River, Long Creek, Moore's Creek approximately one mile upstream to New Moon Fishing Camp, and Black River;~~
 - ~~(c)~~(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River;
- ~~(68)~~(58) Perquimans:
 - ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
 - ~~(b)~~ ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~

- ~~(69)~~(59) Person:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Hyco Creek and Mayo Creek;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- ~~(70)~~(60) Pitt:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River and in Tar River below the mouth of Hardee Creek east of Greenville;
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Grindle Creek, and Contentnea Creek between NC 118 bridge at Grifton and the Neuse River;~~
 - ~~(c)~~(b) December 1 to June 5 with seines in Tar River;
- ~~(71)~~(61) Polk: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(72)~~(62) Randolph:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Deep River above the Coleridge Dam and Uwharrie River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(73)~~(63) Richmond:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land;
 - ~~(c) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;~~
- ~~(74)~~(64) Robeson: December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters.
- ~~(75)~~(65) Rockingham:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Dan River and Haw River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Dan River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(76)~~(66) Rowan:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(77)~~(67) Rutherford:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(78)~~(68) Sampson:
- ~~(a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Big Coharie Creek, Black River and Six Runs Creek;~~
 - ~~(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River downstream of NC 1105 bridge;~~
- ~~(79)~~(69) Stanly:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(80)~~(70) Stokes: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters, and traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- ~~(81)~~(71) Surry: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters; and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River;
- ~~(82)~~(72) Swain: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(83)~~(73) Transylvania: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(84)~~(74) Tyrrell:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Scuppernong River and Alligator Creek;~~
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(85)~~(75) Union:

- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(86)~~(76) Vance:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Tar River;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Rolands, Faulkners, Southerlands, and Weldon Ponds, City Lake, and Kerr Reservoir;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- ~~(87)~~(77) Wake:
 - ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Sunset, Benson, Wheeler, Raleigh, and Johnson Lakes;~~
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Neuse River below Milburnie Dam, and Swift Creek below Lake Benson Dam;~~
- ~~(88)~~(78) Warren:
 - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Fishing Creek, Shocco Creek, and Walker Creek; excluding Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds;
 - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds, Kerr Reservoir, and Gaston Reservoir;
 - (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- ~~(89)~~ Washington: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impoundments.~~
- ~~(90)~~ Wayne: ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Little River, Mill Creek and Neuse River.~~
- ~~(91)~~(79) Wilkes: July 1 to June 30 with traps in Yadkin River below W. Kerr Scott Reservoir; and with gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(92)~~(80) Wilson:
 - ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in Contentnea Creek (except Buckhorn Reservoir), including unnamed tributaries between Flowers Mill and SR 1163 (Deans) bridge;~~
 - ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Contentnea Creek below US 301 bridge and in Toisnot Swamp downstream from the Lake Toisnot Dam;~~
- ~~(93)~~(81) Yadkin: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River.

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APPENDIX C
SUBCHAPTER D

15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

(a) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping or fishing shall be as authorized by the landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable deer season.
- (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
- (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical features or activities occurring on the area.
- (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.

The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing any archery, restricted firearms or restricted zone. After the input meeting the public comments shall be presented to an official Commission meeting for final determination.

(b) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land except in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county or municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

(c) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area, except where posted otherwise;
- (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
- (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan Game Lands.

No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Buckhorn, Butner-Falls of Neuse, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Jordan, Kerr Scott, Lee, Mayo, Sutton Lake, and Vance game lands and Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S 74, and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;

- (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
 - (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
 - (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.
- (d) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping
- (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, or participating in dog training or field trial activities shall have in his possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping licenses. A field trial participant is defined as a judge, handler, scout or owner. (2) Exceptions
 - (A) A person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal guardian.
 - (B) The resident and nonresident sportsman's licenses include game lands use privileges.
 - (C) Judges and nonresidents participating in field trials under the circumstances set forth in Paragraph (e) of this Rule may do so without the game lands license.
 - (D) On the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.
- (e) Field Trials and Training Dogs. A person serving as judge of a field trial that, pursuant to a written request from the sponsoring organization, has been authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence on a game land by an authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and any nonresident handler, scout or owner participating therein may participate without procuring a game lands license, provided such nonresident has in his possession a valid hunting license issued by the state of his residence. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial grounds or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility shall file with the Commissions agent an application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Laurinburg Fox Trial or the Sandhills Field Trial grounds without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approval so obtained. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95 except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95 except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the primary goals of the agency.
- (f) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302 and .0303, trapping of furbearing animals is permitted on game lands during the applicable open seasons, except that trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and
- (5) on the Dupont State Forest Game Lands.

On those areas of state-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands controlled trapping is allowed under a permit system.

(g) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads constructed, maintained and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such person:

- (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land; or
- (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph (m).

(h) Camping. No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.

(i) Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

(j) Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or more of the following disabilities:

- (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- (4) disease or injury or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- (5) deafness.

On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles or other passenger vehicles:

- (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel.

Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land.

(k) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds, domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall be given when release of such animals is determined by a North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(l) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence but must comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

(m) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for

vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the game land rules and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted to wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule and those holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

(n) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on any Game Land, including land or water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the areola while in a public place.

(o) Definitions: For the purpose of this Subchapter "Permanent Hunting Blind" is defined as any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed from man made or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each day's hunt.

(p) Shooting Ranges. ~~On state-owned game lands,~~ public shooting ranges, no person shall use designated shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, except that activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a location or position that it will prevent, impede or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range must obey posted range safety rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard must leave the shooting range if directed to by law enforcement officers or Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such signs will be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. ~~Shooting ranges are open from sunrise to sunset on Monday through Saturday. Firearms shall be unloaded and cased when being transported to the shooting range while on Game Lands.~~ No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any act which is prohibited or neglect to do any act which is required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

(q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and closing times.

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15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS

(a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

(b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or gates, or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

(c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining in or attached to the tree.

(d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons. On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

- (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
- (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
- (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
- (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
- (5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

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." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization of the commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

(e) Definitions:

- (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex hunting seasons listed under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons.

(f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas bears shall not be taken on lands designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only elsewhere in this Chapter. Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(h) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

- (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan and Stanly counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion in Montgomery county and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davie, Davidson, Rowan and Stanly counties.
 - (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer hunting is archery only.
- (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
 - (A) Six Day per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin and Washington counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Except for muzzle-loaders, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
 - (D) On areas of the main tract west of NC Hwy 242; the section between NC Hwy 242, SR 1509, SR 1510, and SR 1511 and on ~~On the Singletary Lake Tract the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear may be taken only by still hunting.~~ is prohibited.
 - (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake
 - (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
 - (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
 - (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
 - (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.

- (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the deer with visible antlers season. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons. On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
 - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
 - (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
 - (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
 - (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
 - (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.
- (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- (A) Six Days per Week Area.
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

- (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to engaging in such activity.
 - (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
 - (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.
 - (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (18) Catawba Game Land in Catawba County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Deer may be taken with bow and arrow only from the tract known as Molly's Backbone.
- (19) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (20) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (21) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (22) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
 - (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (23) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (24) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (25) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven and Jones counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
 - (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- (26) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
 - (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.
 - (D) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
 - (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.
 - (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
 - (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
- (27) Dare Game Land in Dare County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
 - (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- (28) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
- (29) Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
 - (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
 - (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- (30) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (31) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.

- (32) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek and Hobucken.
 - (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.
 - (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 to ~~the end of February~~ through January 1 and April 1 ~~through~~ to May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.
- (33) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (34) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (35) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
 - (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- (36) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
 - (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- (A) ~~Three~~ Six Days per Week Area.

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
 - (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park ~~Road~~ Road; and
 - (ii) Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
 - (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
 - (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- (38) Hyco Game land in Person County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
- (40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) During permitted deer hunts deer of either-sex may be taken by permit holders.
 - (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.
 - (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- (41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during June, July and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
 - (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
 - (C) Use of muzzleloaders, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
 - (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
 - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
 - (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- (44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
 - (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
- (47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (49) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas and New Year's Days, and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

- (51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- (52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
 - (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- (53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
 - (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
 - (i) No person shall operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
 - (ii) Swimming.
- (56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
 - (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- (57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond and Stanly counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US-74.
 - (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (59) Perkins Game Land in Davie County

- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (60) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (61) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
 - (D) Deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
- (62) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (63) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
 - (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- (64) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin and Northampton counties
 - (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
 - (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
 - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
- (65) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- (66) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (67) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
 - (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- (68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
- (69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:
 - (i) deer may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the bow-and-arrow season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving; with legal muzzleloading firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the muzzleloader season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with all legal weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
 - (iii) opossum, raccoon and squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season; and
 - (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt.
 - (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
 - (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the muzzleloader season as stated in this Subparagraph.
 - (E) Muzzleloader season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on all open hunting days during the muzzleloader season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
 - (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and dog training on birds:
 - (i) In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;
 - (ii) In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.
 - (J) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless riding in authorized field trials.
 - (K) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (71) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (72) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.

- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
 - (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(e).
 - (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.
- (73) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- (74) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (75) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
 - (E) That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties is closed to all grouse, quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training.
- (76) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- (A) Six-Day per Week Area.
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays.
 - (C) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
 - (D) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (77) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
 - (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
 - (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
 - (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- (78) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- (80) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (81) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to horseback riding on this area.
 - (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- (82) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (83) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (84) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery and Randolph counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (85) Vance Game Land in Vance County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- (86) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- (87) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
 - (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
 - (i) Access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit;

- (ii) Hunting is by permit only; and
 - (iii) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (88) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
 - (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
 - (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications must be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill must validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperater agent or by phone.
- (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:
 - (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands,
 - (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge,
 - (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands,
 - (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge,
 - (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting),
 - (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands, and
 - (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—Dupont State Forest Game Lands.
- (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission will be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
- (l) Free-ranging swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal using any legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt free-ranging swine except on game lands that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear and during the applicable deer or bear season.
- (m) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.
- (n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.
- (o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.
- (p) When waterfowl hunting is specifically permitted in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. February 1, 1976; Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991; Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994; Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999; Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001; Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02); Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003; Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003); Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004.

15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise indicated herein, fishing on game lands which are open to fishing shall be in accordance with the statewide rules. All game lands are open to public fishing except restocked ponds when posted against fishing, Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Grogan Creek in Transylvania County, and in the case of private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by the owners thereof. No trotline or set-hook or any net, trap, gig, bow and arrow or other special fishing device of a type mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b)(c)(d) and (f) may be used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. Bow and arrow may be used to take nongame fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those waters mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and the daily possession limit is 50 per person and 100 per vessel.

(b) Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters

(1) Fishing Hours. It is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters on any game land and in all waters on the Dupont State Forest Game Land from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except in Hatchery Supported Trout waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0305(a), Delayed Harvest waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(a)(5), game lands sections of the Nantahala River located downstream from the Swain County line, and in the sections of Green River in Polk County located on Green River Game Lands from Cove Creek downstream to the natural gas pipeline crossing.

(2) Location. All waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public mountain trout waters except Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, and Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, Fawn Lake, ~~the portion of West Fork Pigeon River below Lake Logan~~, North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Green River downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 223.

Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.

Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties.

Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania and Yancey counties.

Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County.

Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County.

South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.

Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties.

(3) All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule are wild trout waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C .0205(a)(1)].

(c) Ponds. In all game lands ponds, it is unlawful to take channel, white or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line and the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001; Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02); Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003; Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004. Amended Eff. August 1, 2014

APPENDIX D
SUBCHAPTER K

15A NCAC 10K .0101 COURSE REQUIREMENTS

(a) ~~The hunter safety course shall provide a minimum of 10 hours of instruction except that a self-paced, independent study hunter safety course that~~ A hunter education instructor lead course or a self-paced, independent study option will be provided that meets the standards required by International Hunter Education Association. Association and includes instruction on safe management of all terrain vehicles and proper use of hunting dogs may also be administered.

(b) Of the ~~10 hours of~~ instruction required by Paragraph (a) of this Rule, 60 percent of the time shall be devoted to instruction related to the safe handling of firearms. The remaining ~~four hours~~ course time shall include instruction on hunter responsibility (ethics), wildlife conservation and wildlife ~~management,~~ management; and may include wildlife identification, game care, specialty hunting, survival and first aid, water safety, and special concerns (alcohol and drugs, turkey hunting, trapping, all terrain ~~vehicles,~~ vehicles and hunting dogs).

(c) The hunter education course shall be administered by an instructor certified by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

(d) The following requirements must be satisfied by the course participant in order to successfully complete a hunter education course and be entitled to the issuance of a Certificate of Competency:

- (1) complete all ~~10 hours~~ of the instruction or all the material contained in the independent study course;
- (2) score a minimum of 70 percent on the final examination; and
- (3) ~~demonstrate~~ review safe firearm handling skills, skills, except current and former military personnel, current and former law enforcement officers, and National Rifle Association certified firearms instructors are exempt from this requirement. Exempt individuals must show current documentation of their exempt status.

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Fiscal Note Review of
Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund Rules
15A NCAC 10A .1301-.1303

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Impact: State Government: Yes
Local Government: No
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

This set of new rules (Appendix 1) establishes procedures to administer the Wildlife Poacher Reward fund as directed by the legislature in S.L. 2013-380. The WRC has no history of offering reward money for information leading to the conviction of wildlife crimes. There are many unknown variables to consider: how many people would take advantage of the program; how many arrests result in successful convictions; the amount of fines assessed by the court. In 2012, there were 142 rulings in cases where the offense was one which could be subject to a reward fund payment. Based upon previous public involvement, less than half (approximately 40%) of these types of cases will use information submitted by the public as tips. Based upon these figures, the minimum amount of reward money paid out over the course of a year would be \$5,680 and the maximum would be \$56,800. The Commission expects the actual amount paid out over the course of a year to be closer to \$10,000 based on data from WRC law enforcement (average of past penalties).

State Impact Analysis: The agency fiscal impact will be approximately \$10,000 in lost revenue.

Local Impact Analysis: None

Substantial Economic Impact: There will be some fiscal benefit to the public, but it is not expected to meet the threshold impact requirement of \$1,000,000 annually.

APPENDIX 1

15A NCAC 10A .1301 FUNDING SOURCES

The Wildlife Resources Commission shall direct at least ten percent (10%) of compensatory restitution associated with replacement costs and investigative costs as defined in G.S. 15A-1343(b1)(5) and specified in Rules 10B .0117 and 10C .0215 of this Chapter to the Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1
Eff. May 1, 2014*

15A NCAC 10A .1302 OFFENSES AND REWARD AMOUNTS

(a) Rewards shall be paid only for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanors specified in G.S. 113-294 and G.S. 113-337, and Class 1 misdemeanors involving wildlife resources specified in G.S. 113-264(b).

(b) The reward amount shall be equivalent to the amount of the fine, replacement costs, or restitution assessed by the court, whichever is greatest, not to exceed \$1,000.00. If no fine, replacement cost or restitution is assessed, including in cases that result in a prayer for judgment, the reward shall be \$100.00.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1
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15A NCAC 10A .1303 ELIGIBILITY

(a) Rewards shall be paid only to individuals who provide information that results in the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed the offenses specified in Rule 10A .1302(a) of this Section. If more than one individual provides information leading to the arrest of a person for the same offense, the Commission shall pay reward money in equal amounts to each individual not to exceed the amount specified in Rule 10A .1302(b) of this Section.

(b) Rewards shall be paid after the final disposition of a case has resulted in a conviction or a prayer for judgment. For purposes of this Rule, a conviction shall be as defined in G.S. 113-171(a).

(c) The following individuals are not eligible to receive reward money:

- (1) any current Wildlife Resources Commission employee or members of his or her immediate family;
- (2) any current Wildlife Resources Commissioner;
- (3) any sworn law enforcement officer;
- (4) the perpetrator of the crime for which the information has been given and any accomplice or accessory to that crime; and
- (5) any individual who refuses to provide the Commission with his or her name and contact information.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1
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Fiscal Analysis Review of
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15A NCAC 10F.0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER
15A NCAC 10F.0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP
15A NCAC 10F.0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS
15A NCAC 10F.0107 VALIDATION DECAL

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Impact: State Government: Yes
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Federal Government: No
Small Businesses: No

GENERAL

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is proposing to amend rules 15A NCAC 10F.0102, 15A NCAC 10F.0103, 15A NCAC 10F.0106 and 15A NCAC 10F.0107 (see proposed rule text in the Appendix).

For reasons detailed below, WRC believes that the necessary State funds for the implementation of the vessel rules would be available through WRC's Wildlife Fund, that there would be no direct local governmental impact, and that the potential economic impact is small. Overall, WRC views these rule changes as being Tier II, per OSBM.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE SUMMARIES

Background

It is the policy of North Carolina to promote safety for persons and property in and connected with the use, operation, and equipment of vessels, and to promote uniformity of laws relating thereto (G.S. 75A-1). The WRC is the state agency charged with administering and enforcing vessel registration rules (G.S. 75A-3).

A summary of the proposed rule amendments is shown below, with the full text of each included in the appendix.

15A NCAC 10F .0102 and 10F .0106 As amended, these rules provide the administrative edits necessary to conform to changes set forth by Senate Bill 402 which was recently ratified in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. The fiscal note that accompanied this law change reflects that the State will experience a \$72,570 increase in revenue in which WRC will retain one half of those revenues and one half will be transferred to the newly formed Shallow Draft Dredging Fund. Prior to the law change, there was no renewal fee. Now there is a renewal fee under the revised 75A-3 mandating the Commission charge of the renewal fee, which is estimated at \$72,570 based on available data (including fiscal note from Senate Bill 402).

15A NCAC 10F .0103 As amended, removes obsolete rule language. This change represents no fiscal impact.

15A NCAC 10F .0107 As amended will require vessel owners display a validation decal on both the starboard and port side bow of a vessel. Currently, the requirement is to place the decal on the starboard side bow only. This change will provide law enforcement officers the opportunity to visually determine compliance with vessel registration rules. This change represents a minimal cost increase to the state. Currently the agency provides approximately 150,000 single validation decals to its customers on an annual basis. The current cost of these decals is \$.17 each. The cost of the new proposed double validation decal is \$.23. The calculated increased cost to the state is $150,000 \times (\$.23 - \$.17) = \$9,000$. This cost will not affect the price of a vessel registration, and WRC will absorb the cost.

Conclusion

State Impact Analysis: The agency has concluded that there will be no significant cost to the state for any of the above rules since each of the above rules represents a non-substantial modification to an existing rule. The changes will result in minimal changes in administrative staff operations and enforcement staff operations, but none are anticipated to result in an increase or decrease in activity or hours worked. The state would however, benefit from an increase in fee revenue, estimated at about \$72,570, as a result of recent changes in G.S 75A-5(h) and G.S 5A-7(a).

Local Impact Analysis: Local governments are not involved in the enforcement of WRC rules and should incur no cost as a result of these rule amendments.

Significant Economic Impact Analysis: WRC has concluded that there will be no substantial economic impact to the public as a result of the adoption of these proposed changes. The changes will result in minimal alterations of boater habits and conduct, and should ultimately result in non-substantial cost and benefits to the regulated community. Also, any potential costs or benefits to the general public are not expected to be substantial. Therefore, WRC has determined that the economic impact to the public does not meet the threshold impact requirement of \$1,000,000 annually.

Appendix

15A NCAC 10F .0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER

(a) General. Every owner applying for a certificate of number or certificate of title of a vessel required to be numbered pursuant to G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 or required to be titled pursuant to G.S. 75A-34 and 75A-35 shall apply to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or to one of its Wildlife Service Agents for a certificate of number or certificate of title using an application provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The application shall contain the following information:

- (1) name of owner(s);
- (2) address, telephone number, date of birth, and North Carolina driver license number of owner(s);
- (3) present or previous certificate of number (if any);
- (4) desired period of certificate of number (one or three years);
- (5) primary use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other commercial, other);
- (6) model of vessel (if known);
- (7) manufacturer if known;
- (8) year of manufacture or model year (if known);
- (9) manufacturer's hull identification number (if any);
- (10) overall length of vessel in feet and inches;
- (11) type of vessel (open, cabin, houseboat, personal watercraft, pontoon, other);
- (12) hull material (wood, metal, fiberglass, inflatable, plastic, other);
- (13) type of propulsion (inboard; outboard; inboard-outdrive; jet drive; sail; auxiliary sail/inboard; auxiliary sail/outboard, other);
- (14) type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electric, other);
- (15) proof of ownership document;
- (16) signature of owner(s);
- (17) make of motor (if over 25 horsepower), serial number, purchase price of motor;
- (18) lien holder name, address, and telephone number;
- (19) effective lien date; and
- (20) county where vessel is ~~taxed~~, taxed;
- (21) status of United States Coast Guard documentation.

(b) Application for certificate of number and certificate of title. The owner(s) shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. A new certificate of number shall be issued for new or never before registered vessels. For a period of 60 days following the date of sale, the new owner may use a copy of the proof of ownership document, provided it contains the date of sale, as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of the original certificate. If the vessel is ~~over~~ 14 feet or longer or is a personal watercraft, then a Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any liens listed on the application.

(c) Livery Vessel Owners. A "livery" vessel is one that is rented or leased to an individual for a specific time period by the owners(s). The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to livery vessels. Upon receipt of a completed application, a copy of the lease or rental agreement form and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable.

(d) Dealers and Manufacturers of Vessels. A "manufacturer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior

commission or for the purpose of selling them after manufacture. A "dealer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location(s). The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 apply to vessels belonging to dealers and manufacturers. Upon receipt of a completed application and fee the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number, as appropriate, which may be used in connection with the operation of any vessel in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer when the vessel is being demonstrated. Dealer and manufacturer certificate of numbers shall not be transferred. A new certificate of number shall be issued upon transfer. Demonstration vessels shall not be titled so long as the vessel is owned by the dealer or manufacturer. Vessels owned or possessed by dealers or manufacturers for personal use or for any use other than for demonstration and testing purposes shall be individually registered in the name of the dealer or manufacturer in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule. Additional dealer's or manufacturer's certificates of number may be obtained by making application in the same manner as prescribed for the initial certificate with payment of an additional fee for each additional certificate. Dealers and manufacturers may register individual vessels in accordance with Rule .0104(a) of this Section.

(e) Government Agency Vessels. The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 apply to vessels belonging to state or local government agencies. Upon receipt of a completed application from a state or local government agency, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a permanent certificate of number. There is no fee for a permanent state or local government agency certificate of number and the certificate is valid until the vessel is transferred to another government agency, an individual, business, or dealer. Government agency registered vessels shall not be titled.

(f) Commercial Fishing Vessel. The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to commercial fishing vessels. The standard application for a certificate of number shall be used for commercial fishing vessels with the term "commercial fishing" marked in the section designated for "primary use." Upon receipt of a completed application, proof of ownership document, and fee, as provided for in G.S. 74A-3 and 74A-5, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable. ~~The vessel owner shall pay for the first certificate of number. Subsequent renewals renewals, for a period of one year, are free for a period of one year provided the owner provides proof of a valid Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration, Registration when applying to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a renewal certificate of number. A valid Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration is one that has been issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries.~~

(g) Commercial Passenger Vessel. The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to commercial passenger vessels. Upon receipt of a completed application, proof of ownership document, and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable.

*History Note: Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. December 16, 1980;
Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 75A-19; 75A-34; 75A-35; 33 C.F.R. 174.17;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1988 at ARRC request to cure referenced Legislative Objection;
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1988; July 1, 1988; August 31, 1980.
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15A NCAC 10F .0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

- (a) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels.
 - (1) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels from one individual owner(s) to another.
 - (A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred, the owner(s) listed on the face of the Certificate of Title for Vessel shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the certificate of title and surrender the title to the new owner(s). All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the certificate of title is surrendered to the new owners(s). If the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred by court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, judgment or other document and the original title is not available, the previous owner(s) or estate representative shall provide the new owner(s) with documents establishing ownership.
 - (B) The new owner(s) shall submit an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the properly assigned certificate of title and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. The new owner(s) shall indicate on the application whether or not any liens exist on the vessel. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or to vessels never before registered.
 - (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously titled vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the properly assigned certificate of title as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
 - (2) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels through a dealer.
 - (A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred to a dealer, the owner(s) listed on the face of the Certificate of Title for Vessel shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the certificate of title and surrender the title to the dealer. All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the certificate of title is surrendered to the dealer.
 - (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) the original certificate of title completed by the previous owner(s) and a Dealer Bill of sale. The Dealer's Bill of Sale shall include the dealer's name, the name of the new owner(s), the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The Dealer's Bill of Sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new owner(s).
 - (C) The new owner(s) shall complete and submit the standard application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the properly assigned certificate of title, Dealer Bill of Sale, and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner(s). A new certificate

of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.

- (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the Dealer's Bill of Sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.

(b) Transfer of previously registered, non-titled vessels.

- (1) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel from one individual owner to another.

- (A) If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is transferred, by sale or gift, the previous owner(s) shall complete a notarized bill of sale. The bill of sale shall be given to the new owner and shall include the previous owner's name, the new owner's name, the date of sale or gift, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The previous owner's signature shall be notarized. ~~An individual may also use the Statement of Transfer form provided with some certificates of numbers. The statement shall be completed by the previous owner and given to the new owner at the time of sale or gift.~~ If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is transferred by a court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, judgment or other document, the previous owner(s) or representative of the estate shall provide the new owner(s) with documents establishing ownership.

- (B) The new owner shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale or gift. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel previously registered in North Carolina is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another State or to vessels never before registered.

- (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the proof of ownership document, provided it contains the date of sale, as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.

- (2) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel through a dealer.

- (A) The owner(s) selling or transferring a previously registered vessel to a dealer shall complete a notarized bill of sale naming the dealer as the new owner. The bill of sale shall be given to the dealer and shall include the previous owner's name, date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The signature of the previous owner(s) shall be notarized. ~~An individual may also use the Statement of Transfer form provided with some certificates of numbers. The statement shall be completed by the previous owners(s) and given to the dealer.~~

- (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) a dealer bill of sale. The dealer's bill of sale shall include the dealer's name, the new owner(s) name, the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model and year of the vessel. The dealer's bill of sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new owner(s).

- (C) The new owner(s) shall complete and submit the standard application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner(s). A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.
- (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the dealer's bill of sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.

(3) Transfer of a vessel individually-registered to a dealer or manufacturer. Vessels that have been individually numbered by dealers or manufacturers shall upon transfer of ownership be governed by the provisions of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19; 75A-37; 33 C.F.R. 174.21;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; February 1, 1995; November 1, 1993; July 1, 1988; April 19, 1981.
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

15A NCAC 10F .0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS

- (a) The vessel numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which issued in such a position as to provide clear visibility and legibility for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with the color of the background and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background.
- (b) No other number, except the year date of the validation decal described in Rule .0107 of this Section, shall be carried on the bow of such vessel.
- (c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the number awarded to them printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of the Rules in this Section. Where a currently or previously-numbered vessel is being demonstrated with a set of dealer's numbers, the permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow shall be covered.
- (d) A vessel registered to a governmental entity and bearing the letter "P" shall continue to display the assigned numbers for so long as the vessel belongs to a governmental entity. Upon transfer of ownership to a private individual(s) or business the new owner shall apply to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a new certificate of number and shall be assigned a new certificate of number.
- (e) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel registered in North Carolina shall not display the state vessel numbers.

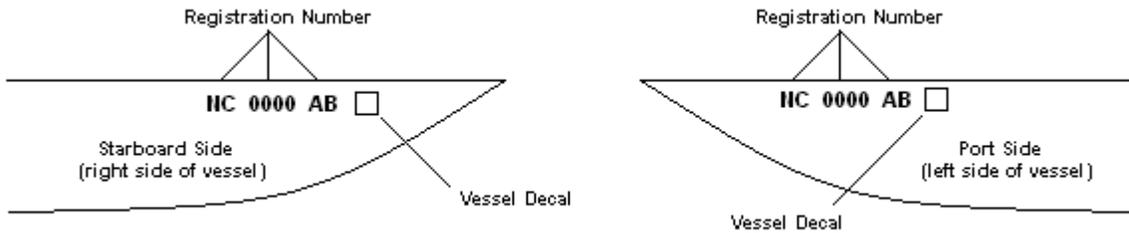
*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; April 1, 1997.
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

15A NCAC 10F .0107 VALIDATION DECAL

In addition to the certificate of number, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall supply to the owner of each vessel that is numbered, a two validation decal decals indicating the year of expiration. The owner shall affix ~~such~~ one validation decal so as to be clearly visible and legible on the starboard bow and one validation decal on the port side bow of the vessel following and within six inches of the vessel number. The owner of a United States Coast Guard documented vessel shall affix one validation decal so as to be clearly visible and legible on the forward half of the starboard bow and one validation decal on the forward half of the port side bow. Any validation ~~decal~~ decals issued for a vessel numbered on application by a governmental entity shall contain no expiration date, but shall bear the letter "P" and shall not be subject to renewal so long as the vessel remains the property of a governmental entity. When any such vessel is transferred to private ownership, the ~~decal~~ decals shall be removed or obliterated by the transferring agency.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 33 C.F.R. 174.15;
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November 7, 2013

Fiscal Analysis Review of
Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) Rules Amendments

15A NCAC 10G.0601 TOTALLY DISABLED LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

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Authority: G.S. 113-134

Impact: State Government: Yes
Local Government: No
Substantial Impact: No
Federal Government: No
Small Businesses: No

GENERAL

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is proposing to create rule 15A NCAC 10G.0601 (see proposed rule text in the Appendix).

For reasons detailed below, WRC believes that this update to existing rule will have a small economic impact. There should be no direct federal or local government impact.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE SUMMARIES

Background

The WRC is the state agency charged with administering the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in the State as set forth in G.S. § 113-270.1B.

A summary of the proposed rule is shown below, with the full text included in the appendix.

15A NCAC 10G .0601 As proposed, this rule defines documentation acceptable for determining eligibility of totally and permanently disabled residents for the purpose of obtaining a discounted lifetime license to comply with statutory changes provided in HB 296, SL 2013-283. Prior to this change, the only acceptable documentation for these licenses was from the Social Security Administration. This change provides the discounted license opportunity to those with long-term disabilities who do not participate in the Social Security system. Based on the percentage of previously sold totally disabled lifetime licenses to the eligible population in the Social Security Administration system, it is calculated that the same percentage of eligible participants in the proposed systems would cause an increase in lifetime license revenue of \$24,000 for WRC and \$2,400 for DMF. A regular

lifetime license costs \$500 and a disabled lifetime license costs \$100. There would also be a reactive decrease in the annual license revenue of any new participants that had previously purchased annual licenses; however that number is currently immeasurable and deemed to be non-substantial. Therefore, the net revenue affect for each agency is minimal. Since WRC currently accepts documentation for the totally disabled program from the Social Security Administration, the addition of the new systems should not cause a substantial change in the administration of this program.

Conclusion:

State Impact Analysis: The agency has concluded that there will be no significant cost to the state for the above rule amendment since the above rule represents a non-substantial modification to an existing rule. The amendment will result in minimal changes in administrative staff operations and are not anticipated to result in an increase or decrease in activity or hours worked.

Local Impact Analysis: Local Governments are not involved in the enforcement of WRC rules and should incur no cost as a result of this rule amendment.

Significant Economic Impact Analysis: WRC has concluded that there will be no substantial economic impact to the public as a result of the adoption of this proposed change. The change will result in minimal alterations of habits and conduct of potential permanently disabled license buyers, and should ultimately result in non-substantial cost and benefits to the regulated community. Also, any potential costs or benefits to the general public are not expected to be substantial. Therefore, WRC has determined that the economic impact to the public does not meet the threshold impact requirement of \$1,000,000 annually.

Appendix

15A NCAC 10G .0601 TOTALLY DISABLED LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

(a) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall accept documentation from individual residents who are certified as totally and permanently disabled by the Social Security Administration, Civil Service Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, or the North Carolina State Retirement System for the purpose of obtaining a lifetime totally disabled hunting and fishing license as described in G.S. 113-270.1C, 113-270.1D, 113-271 and 113-351.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-270.1C; 113-270.1D; 113-271; 113-351
Eff. August 1, 2014.*