15A NCAC 10B .0212 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

15A NCAC 10B .0212  FOXES (GRAY AND RED)

(a) Fox Season:
   (1) There shall be no closed season on taking foxes with dogs, except on Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land from March 15 through July 15;
   (2) Foxes may be taken with weapons or traps the first to fourth Saturday in January in the following counties:
      Caswellateria Henderson
      Clayateria Macon
      Grahamateria Tyrrell
   (3) Foxes may be taken the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 using archery equipment in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Mitchell County.
      (a) Foxes may be taken with weapons or traps the first through fourth Saturday in January in the following counties:
         (1) Caswell
         (2) Clay
         (3) Graham
         (4) Henderson
         (5) Macon
         (6) Tyrell
      (b) Bag Limit for Foxes:
         (1) Except in areas of open season for taking foxes with weapons or traps, foxes shall not be intentionally killed by any method;
         (2) For areas of open season detailed in Subparagraph (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, the following bag limit applies: the daily limit is two; and the season limit is 10.
      (b) The season for pursuing or taking foxes with dogs on Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land is August 2 through February 14.
      (c) Foxes may be taken the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 using archery equipment in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Mitchell County.
      (d) For areas of open season detailed in Subparagraph (a) through (c), the daily limit is two; and the season limit is 10.
      (e) Where local laws governing the taking of foxes conflict with this Rule, local laws shall prevail.

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