15A NCAC 10C .0203 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

15A NCAC 10C .0203  RECIPROCAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS

(a) Virginia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and Virginia, and North Carolina, all valid fishing licenses and permits authorizing sport fishing and legally obtained from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Wildlife Resources or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for the purpose of fishing by means of: rod and reel, hook and line, casting, or trotline in the Dan River east of the Union Street Dam at Danville, and east of the 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 that are accessible by boat from the main bodies of the Kerr and Gaston Reservoirs, from the Island Creek subimpoundment. Senior citizen and juvenile license exemptions authorized by either state shall be honored by both states. In addition, all valid fishing licenses and permits legally obtained from the Virginia Department 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 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), with rod and reel, or hook and line, in the following waters:

1. Portions of New River:
   A. between the confluence of the North and South fork of the New River in Alleghany County North Carolina; and
   B. confluence of New and Little Rivers in Grayson County Virginia.

2. Dan River east of the Union Street Dam at Danville;

3. Staunton River arm of Kerr Reservoir East of the mouth of Difficult Creek;

4. Kerr Reservoir;

5. Lake Gaston; and

6. all tributary waters in either Virginia or North Carolina that are accessible by boat from the main bodies of the Kerr and Gaston Reservoirs, from the Island Creek subimpoundment.

(b) Georgia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and Georgia, all valid statewide fishing licenses, licenses and permits, and license exemptions required by and legally obtained from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 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 that 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. Senior citizen and juvenile license exemptions authorized by either state shall be honored by both states.
(c) Tennessee. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and Tennessee, all valid statewide inland fishing licenses and permits obtained from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, 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, in that portion of Slick Rock Creek that coincides with the state line between North Carolina and Tennessee and in all of Calderwood Reservoir. Purpose of fishing with rod and reel, or hook in line in the following waters:

(1) The portion of Slick Rock Creek that coincides with the state line between North Carolina and Tennessee; and

(2) Calderwood Reservoir.

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