15A NCAC 10C .0216 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

15A NCAC 10C .0216  STATE INLAND FISHING LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

(a) The Commission may exempt participants of an organized fishing event conducted by a governmental or non-profit entity from obtaining an inland fishing license. Any governmental or non-profit entity conducting an organized fishing event for educational or therapeutic purposes may obtain from the Commission an exemption from the requirements of the fishing license for participants in the event.

(b) The state inland fishing license exemption shall only be issued when all the following information required by these Rules contained on a form provided by the Commission is submitted by the applicant on a form found online at www.ncwildlife.org to the Chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries not less than 21 days prior to the organized fishing event, subject to the following conditions:

(1) applicant name, address, phone number, and email address;
(2) applicant organization name and address;
(3) date, time, and location of event; and
(4) estimated number of event attendees and event description.

(c) The state inland fishing license exemption is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The person in charge of the event must be on-site at all times and have a copy of the exemption available for inspection on request by Commission personnel; and
(2) The exemption shall be limited to the immediate location of the event and shall remain in effect only for the duration of the event.

(d) The Commission may require that the applicants submit participant information for those fishing under the exemption, receiving a state fishing license exemption report both the number of male participants and the number of female participants less than 16 years of age and the names of participants 16 years of age and older who do not have a fishing license.

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