



## **Youth Turkey Hunting Season Opens April 1, Regular Season April 8**

The statewide spring hunting season for male and bearded turkeys runs from April 8 through May 6 for all hunters. A youth-only week, for hunters younger than 16, runs April 1–7. The daily limit is one turkey and the possession and season limits are two turkeys per hunter, only one of which may be taken during youth season. [More regulations and turkey hunting safety tips.](#)

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## **Hatchery Supported Trout Waters Open to Fishing April 1, 7 a.m.**

The Wildlife Commission will open Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters in 25 western counties at 7 a.m. on April 1. The season will run through Feb. 28, 2018. While fishing Hatchery Supported Trout Waters, anglers can harvest a maximum of seven trout per day, with no minimum size limits or bait restrictions. [More](#)

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## **Wildlife Commission Will Hold Three Public Hearings on State Species Listings in April**

The Wildlife Commission is holding three public hearings in April to take comments on 37 proposed changes to its endangered, threatened and special concern species listings. The endangered, threatened and special concern species lists identify native or once-native nongame wild animals that need protection. [Dates, locations, more information](#)



## **Wildlife Commission Conducts Black Bear Management Public Forums**

The Wildlife Commission is conducting public forums to gather input regarding black bear management. Public comments will be heard regarding options that would change the current coastal bear hunting seasons to align with the new biological bear management units that were presented at last year's forums. [Dates, locations, more information](#).



## **Public Can Comment on Upcoming Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons through April 9**

The public has until April 9 to provide input on upcoming migratory game bird hunting seasons through the Wildlife Commission's online comment system. Migratory game birds include waterfowl, doves, woodcock, rails and snipe. The agency will select the various season dates at its April 20 business meeting and

publish the selected seasons in the 2017-2018 Regulations Digest, which comes out in August, allowing hunters to make plans in advance of the seasons. [More](#)



## **Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Nominations Accepted until April 30**

April 30 is the deadline to nominate someone for one of four seats on the Wildlife Commission’s Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee, a board of North Carolina citizens that provides advice to the agency on nongame wildlife conversation issues across the state. [More information](#)



## **Barbless Hooks Required April 1– June 30 in Upper Roanoke River**

From April 1 through June 30, anglers fishing in the upper Roanoke River are required to use a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook. The upper Roanoke River is defined as the main river channel and all tributaries, upstream from the U.S. Highway 258 Bridge near Scotland Neck to Roanoke Rapids Lake Dam. [Coastal Rivers Fisheries Reports for the Roanoke, Neuse, Cape Fear and Tar are posted every Friday through mid-May.](#)





## **Help Conserve Wildlife by Donating on Line 30 of State Income Tax Form**

You have until April 18 to help ensure the health and future of wildlife and their habitats by making a donation on line 30 of your N.C. State income tax form to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. The Commission uses fund money to conduct research, conservation and monitoring work that benefits animals not hunted or fished. [More](#)



## **Wildlife Commission Conducts Turkey Call Twitter Contest**

Are you on Twitter? If so, be on the lookout for our upcoming Turkey Box Call Giveaway post. For your chance to win, just follow [@NCWildlife](#) and retweet the contest post to your followers. One lucky winner will receive a [Flambeau Outdoors Shady Lady](#) box call. The contest runs from April 1 through April 9.





## **Ladies-Only Fly-Fishing Weekend to be Held April 21-23 in Henderson County**

Women can learn how to fly fish in a fun and relaxing atmosphere on April 21-23 at the North Mills River Recreation Area and Campground in Henderson County. The 3-day program, which is open to women of all skill levels, is offered through the Wildlife Commission's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program. [More information](#)



## **Family Fishing Fiesta Coming to Jordan Lake State Park April 8**

The Wildlife Commission and N.C. State Parks are hosting a free Family Fishing Fiesta on April 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Jordan Lake State Park in Chatham County. Participants can enjoy bank fishing, plus over a dozen hands-on activities and demonstrations. [Event, schedule, map and more](#)



## **Other News and Events**

[Free Fishing Programs Offered in Fayetteville in April](#)

[Free Programs Offered in Brevard in April](#)

[Wildlife Commission Offers Spring Turkey Hunting Workshop in Brevard April 1](#)

[Wildlife Commission to Hold Public Hearing on No-Wake Zone Requests April 4](#)

[Wildlife Commission Offers Kayak Fish and Float Workshop on April 8 in Fayetteville](#)

[Wildlife Commission and N.C. Coastal Federation Schedule Annual "Outdoors Day" in Corolla on April 19](#)

[2017 North Carolina Duck Stamp Will Feature Gadwall](#)

[New Recreational Daily Limit on Flounder in Inland Waters](#)

[Wildlife Commission Adds Fish Attractors to Sutton Lake](#)



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