

How the New Permit Hunt Application Process Works

Application Logic:

Go Outdoors North Carolina (GONC) uses application by Species + Month (Phases) + Hunt Area to organize hunts whereas our previous system used application by Species + Hunt Area to organize hunts with each hunt having an item number. In GONC, a draw permit hunt may be broken up into phases by month and you can select up to five hunt choices for each hunt area that you apply for. In the previous system, one item number may have 380 hunt choices with a maximum of five choices per application.

Example Using a Late Season Waterfowl Permitted Hunt on J. Morgan Futch Game Land:

In the previous system with this hunt area, you were presented with 380 hunt choices spanning across the months of November, December, and January, and with only 1 application opportunity, you could select up to 5 hunt choices for \$8, whereas in the GONC system, you have the option to put in 1 application for each month (\$8 per application) and can select up to 5 hunt choices for each application. So, if you apply for a J. Morgan Futch late season waterfowl hunt in November, December, and January for \$24 (\$8 per application) and select 5 hunt choices per application, you will have 15 hunt choice selections for a hunt area where in the previous system you only had 5 hunt choices. If you choose to only apply for 1 phase in this example, you will have up to 5 hunt choices for the \$8 application fee.

It is important to note that hunt choice/date availability will vary among hunt areas/phases. Not all hunt areas in a phase will have five hunt choices/dates to select from. For example, a September/October either-sex deer hunt on a particular hunt area may only have 2 hunt choices/dates available, while the November hunt for that area may have five hunt choices/dates.

What to Expect After the Drawing:

A drawing typically takes place within five business days of the application deadline. Upon completion of the drawing, each applicant will receive an email notification of the results. If you do not have an email address on record, you may log into your [GONC account](#) to check the status of your application.

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If you are awarded a permit, excluding swan, you will no longer have to carry a paper version of the permit if you have the mobile app or access to your [GONC account](#). NCWRC will no longer mail permits; however, you will have the option to print a copy of your permit once logged into the [GONC system](#). If awarded a Tundra Swan permit, you will receive the permit/tag in the mail.

Publication:

You may be accustomed to viewing the permit hunt publication document that has traditionally been posted on the agency's website. While a document that lists all available hunts is currently posted on the [website](#), it is not formatted the way that you are used to viewing it. We recommend you log into the [Go Outdoors North Carolina](#) system to view the hunt options and availability. Refer to the "[How to Apply for a Draw \(Quota\) Hunt](#)" for information on how to view hunt availability.

Mobile App:

We encourage you to download the **Go Outdoors North Carolina** mobile app, available for both iOS and Android devices where you can purchase licenses, apply for permit hunts, view your license/permit hunt information, report big game harvests, view regulations, and more.

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