



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

June 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.*

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – *Chairman David Hoyle*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute §163A-159(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same.
Chairman David Hoyle

APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2021 MINUTES – Take action on the April 22, 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members
(EXHIBIT A)

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

Understanding CWD - Receive an informational presentation on CWD – *Dr. Mark Ruder, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, University of Georgia – College of Veterinary Medicine*

CWD in Tennessee – Receive a presentation on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's response to CWD which was first detected in TN in 2018 – *Dr. Dan Grove, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Health, Univ. of TN, and Wildlife Veterinarian for TWRA*

CWD in Arkansas – Receive a presentation on the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission’s response to CWD which was first detected in AR in 2016 – *Dr. Jenn Ballard, State Wildlife Veterinarian/Assistant Chief of the Research Division, AGFC*

CWD in Virginia – Receive a presentation on the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources’ response to CWD which was first detected in VA in 2009 and an update on the new confirmed positive in Montgomery County – *Cale Godfrey, Assistant Chief of Wildlife Management, VA DWR*

WRC CWD Response Plan – Receive a presentation on the 2021 revisions to the Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan – *Dr. Jon Shaw, Wildlife Management Division Coastal Operations Supervisor*

Frequently Asked Questions and Roundtable Discussion – *Chairman David Hoyle*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

Temporary Rulemaking – 15 A NCAC 10D .0103 – Hunting on Game Lands – Receive public comments and consider approval of proposed temporary amendments to game land rules – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBIT B-1, B-2)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman David Hoyle*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Cameron Ingram*

ADJOURN

EXHIBIT A

June 9, 2021



MINUTES

April 22, 2021

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) §166A-19.20 (Public Bodies/Remote Meetings During Declared Emergencies), the April 22, 2021 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) webinar meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Hoyle announced that the webinar meeting audio is being streamed live and will be available on the NCWRC's website. He reminded Commissioners to speak their names before making motions or comments and to mute their devices when not speaking. Chairman Hoyle also announced that by the statutory requirement, the roll will be called for attendance and for each vote.

Commissioner Tommy Fonville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Mike Johnson gave the invocation.

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Hoyle advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. Mark Criag, Steve Windham, and Hayden Rogers were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

David Hoyle, Jr.
Mike Johnson
Monty Crump
Brad Stanback

Kelly Davis
John Coley
John Stone
Nat Harris

Tom Berry
Jim Cogdell
Richard Edwards

Tommy Fonville
Wes Seegars
Jim Ruffin

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MEETING

By acclamation, the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in **Exhibit A**.

Exhibit A is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

2020 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION

Executive Director Cameron Ingram presented the 2020 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Allen Boynton of Troutdale, Virginia recognizing his 40-year career in wildlife conservation, including 18 years in Virginia and 20 years in North Carolina. Boynton retired from the Wildlife Commission in 2018.

Director Ingram read a Resolution, unanimously adopted by the Commission, in honor of Allen Boynton and presented him an original watercolor painting from Kenneth Bridle, Ph.D., a former Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Chairman.

A short break was taken for photographs.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. DP Singla, *Chief Financial Officer*, presented a status report in **Exhibit B** on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

Wildlife Operating and Capital Improvement Funds - As of February 28, 2021, the revenues in the General Fund were \$65,561,646.70, with Capital Improvement (CI) revenues \$2,650,424.12. Expenditures in the General Fund were \$64,763,551.22. Expenditures in the CI Fund were \$3,679,015.78. The excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses in the General Fund was \$798,095.48, with -\$651,511.51 in CI. The General Fund Balance as of February 28, 2021 was \$17,242,138.71. The CI Fund balance as of February 28, 2021 was \$2,663,658.91.

Exhibit B is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

2020 Expendable Investment Income and June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances— On a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved the Calendar Year 2020 Expendable Investment Income and June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances. (**Exhibits C-1, C-2**)

Exhibits C-1 and C-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Ad hoc Land Strategy Committee Report– March 15, 2021 – Tommy Fonville, *Chair*, reported that The Ad hoc Land Strategy Committee Report met on March 15, 2021. The Committee discussed its goals and objectives and reviewed the agency’s current land acquisition project review process. The Committee spent time discussing possible desired characteristics and potential uses of potential acquisitions. The Committee also began discussions of the kinds of data that might be useful in evaluation land projects. The Committee plans to meet again on April 28th to continue their work.

Fisheries Committee Report – April 20, 2021 – Tommy Fonville, *Chair*, reported the Fisheries Committee met on April 20, 2021. Kyle Briggs, *Chief Deputy Director*, reported agency staff are meeting with U.S. Forest Service staff to discuss the Setzer State Fish Hatchery renovation project, and we are on track to have the Forest Service permit well in advance of construction. Chad Thomas, *Coastal Region Supervisor*, reported that Striped Bass harvest in the lower Roanoke River zone, April 10-16, was higher than expected with the preliminary harvest estimate at 13,100 lbs. With the harvest season in the upper river zone scheduled to continue for April 24-30, the Roanoke River Management Area will likely exceed the allocated quota by a substantial amount. If the quota for all fisheries is exceeded by 10% in 2021, the resulting overage will be addressed by reducing 2022 harvest quota, which could result in the harvest season in the Roanoke River being altered, reduced, or eliminated in 2022. A contingency stocking plan developed by staff in conjunction with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries, identifies the opportunity to use a minimum of 100,000 surplus hatchery-reared Roanoke River Striped Bass fingerlings during years when river flows exceed established thresholds. Casey Grieshaber, *District 6 Fisheries Biologist*, presented an evaluation of the stocking of trout during the winter into Community Fishing Program’s small impoundments. In 2020, over 66,000 trout were stocked into 38 small impoundments across 25 counties as far east as Edgecombe County. Staff analyzed angler use data from Indian Camp Lake in Richmond County and Frank Liske Park in Cabarrus County. This analysis showed that angler utilization increased substantially in both lakes after the winter trout stockings. Corey Oakley, *Piedmont Region Supervisor*, reported on the Major League Fishing, Heavy Hitters Tournament, held April 9-14 at Falls Lake, Jordan Lake, and Harris Reservoir. Resulting exposure and messaging were very beneficial to the Agency, especially the spotlight on problems related to Alabama Bass. Cam Ingram, *Executive Director*, reported that Agency staff met with Department of Environmental Quality and Division of Marine Fisheries staff on April 8, 2021 to restart discussions specifically on the readoption of joint rules and delineation of waters. Efforts are underway to keep the lines of communication open with follow-up discussions planned.

Boating Safety Committee Report – April 21, 2021– Mike Johnson, *Chair*, reported the Boating Safety Committee met on April 21, 2021. Betsy Haywood, *No-Wake Zone Coordinator*, presented three requests to publish Notice of Text and the committee recommends approval by the Commission. Major Ben Meyer, *Boating Safety Law Administrator*, provided an update on Abandoned and Derelict Vessels.

Land Acquisition and Property (LAP) Committee Meeting Report – April 21, 2021 - Tom Berry, *Chair*, reported the Committee met on April 21, 2021. The Committee reviewed and endorsed four Phase II land acquisitions and three other property matters. The Committee briefly discussed the process for considering easement requests from private landowners.

Education, Shooting and Archery Committee Report– April 21, 2021 – Kelly Davis, *Chair*, reported the Education, Shooting and Archery Committee met on April 21, 2021. Staff presented a R3 Marketing plan that states clear measurable marketing goals and objectives to move the agency forward while the R3 team works to develop a strategic plan. As a follow up to the committee’s recent charge to evaluate the division, staff presented both short-term and long-term improvement plans for the Wildlife Education Division. Staff is already implementing many of the short-term objectives. While working on the short-term objectives, staff will also begin long-term evaluation, assessment, and planning efforts to ensure the Division is meeting the needs and desires of our constituents and public. Lastly, staff presented an overview of the *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine marketing plan.

Finance Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Landon Zimmer, *Chair*, reported that the Finance Committee met on April 21, 2021 and adjourned into a closed session after opening the meeting to discuss information that is privileged or confidential under NCGS 132-1.2 (1). Upon returning to open session, Dr. DP Singla, *Chief Financial Officer*, presented a comparison of the current and previous fiscal years, showcasing revenues and expenditures for the general and capital improvement funds. The detailed explanations were provided for variances more than one million dollars. The Committee reviewed the Bank Of New York (BNY) Mellon Investment rollforward summary and the WRC staff was tasked to compare bond vs equity returns if no funds had been transferred to EIF. Lastly, the Committee endorsed the “Allocation of CY2020 Expendable Investment Income” that included the Realized and Unrealized gains/losses and the “June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances” presented by Dr. Singla. Due to the length of the meeting, the presentation by Internal Auditor Steve Chase was postponed to the next Committee meeting.

Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Wes Seegars, *Vice Chair*, reported that the Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee met on April 21, 2021. The Committee was briefed by staff on several topics related to migratory birds. Doug Howell, *Migratory Bird Coordinator*, presented the proposed frameworks for the upcoming migratory bird hunting seasons, along with public comments received regarding staff recommendations for the 2021/22 migratory bird hunting seasons, and the extended falconry hunting migratory bird hunting seasons. Doug then presented staff recommendations for those seasons and bag limits. The committee endorsed staff recommendations. Next, Brad Howard, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented the staff recommendation for North Carolina’s peregrine falcon method of take under falconry rules. The Atlantic Flyway allocated 5 falcons for North Carolina; the Committee endorsed this recommendation.

Committee of the Whole Report – April 21, 2021– David Hoyle, Jr., *Chair*, reported the Committee met on April 21, 2021. The Committee of the Whole began by reviewing requests to notice text for fisheries rules that are required to be re-adopted due to the periodic review of rules, temporary rules for hunting on game lands and changing the name of Alcoa Game Land to Yadkin River Game Land, and changes to state listed species. Erik Christofferson, *Deputy Director*, shared an update on the status of the transfer of the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education to Currituck County and a request to lease the Commission’s Currituck Beach Lighthouse Reservation to the County as part of the agreement. Carrie Ruhlman, *Rulemaking Coordinator*, presented the controlled fox hunting preserve petition rule and public comments. Brad Howard, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update on elk. On a motion by Tommy Fonville and a second by Mike Johnson, the Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to send a letter to the legislature stating their opposition to House Bill 460, Elk

Conservation License Auction/Raffle. Finally, the committee adjourned to closed session to consult with counsel on pending litigation. After returning to open session, the meeting was adjourned.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Alabama Bass Invasions in North Carolina – The Changing Landscape of Black Bass Fisheries in Our State

Lawrence Dorsey, *Piedmont Fisheries Research Coordinator*, gave a spotlight on the Alabama Bass invasion in North Carolina. Since the unauthorized introduction of Alabama Bass, fisheries biologists have monitored the expansion of the Alabama Bass population and the effects of the introduction on Largemouth Bass. Alabama Bass, a native to Georgia and Alabama, have been shown to outcompete Largemouth Bass, hybridize with Smallmouth Bass, and pose a great threat to North Carolina’s renowned bass fishery. Our biologists perform routine surveys of populations and monitor population trends throughout the state. Alabama Bass have been confirmed in Belews, Chatuge, Fontana, Hiwassee, James, Moss, Mountain Island, Norman, Santeetlah, and W. Kerr Scott. They are suspected in Dan River, Gaston, Hickory, John H. Kerr, Nanthahala, Rhodhiss, Roanoke River, Tillery, and Wylie. Regulations are already in place to prohibit the movement of fish in public waters. Size and creel limits for Alabama Bass have been eliminated to encourage harvest. Staff are utilizing educational outreach to prevent further invasions to the remaining unaffected waterbodies and posting signage at boating and fishing access areas to encourage harvest of Alabama Bass.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Mike Johnson, the Commission adopted the staff recommendations presented in **Exhibits D-3, D-4, and E** by Brad Howard, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*

Adoption of 2021-2022 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons– the Commission approved staff recommendations for the 2021-2022 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons. (**Exhibits D-3, D-4**)

Adoption of Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcons for Use in Falconry – the Commission approved the staff recommendation to allow the take of up to five migrant peregrine falcons from the wild for use in falconry in 2021. (**Exhibit E**)

Exhibits D-3, D-4, and E are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

On a motion by Mike Johnson and second by Wes Seegars, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text presented in **Exhibit F** by Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*.

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10C – Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas– the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register for proposed technical changes and readoption of rules for Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas. (**Exhibit F**)

Exhibit F is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

On a motion by Monty Crump and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text as presented in **Exhibit G** by Brian McRae, *Land and Water Access Division Chief*.

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15 A NCAC 10D .0103 – Hunting on Game Lands – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register for a temporary rule amendment on game land rules. (**Exhibit G**)

Exhibit G is incorporated into the official record of this meeting:

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisitions – on a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved the acquisition of four properties, presented by Jessie Birckhead, *Land Acquisition and Grants Manager* (**Exhibits H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4**)

- Leonard Tract – Bertie County (**H-1**)
- Geneva Bigelow Tracts – Caswell County (**H-2**)
- Queen Tract – Wilkes County (**H-3**)
- Pontiac Plywood Tracts – Warren County (**H-4**)

Exhibits H-1, H-2, H-3, and H-4 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Other Property Matters – on a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved staff recommendations for other property matters – Jessie Birckhead (**Exhibits I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4**)

- Request for Demolition – Consider a request from staff to demolish an old well house at the Armstrong Fish Hatchery in McDowell County (**I-1**)
- Request for Right of Way Easement and Temporary Construction Easement – Consider a request from the NC Department of Transportation for a Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement at R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Lands in Caswell County (**I-2**)
- Request for Permanent Utility Easement – Consider a request from Duke Energy Progress for a Permanent Utility Easement at Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County (**I-3**)
- Request for Lease – Consider a lease of WRC administered property to Currituck County (**I4**)

Exhibits I-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

On a motion by Mike Johnson and second by Ray Clifton, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text presented in **Exhibits J, K, and L** as presented by Betsy Haywood, *No-Wake Zone Coordinator*:

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0329 Rowan County, High Rock Lake – approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with a public hearing and open comment period for an amendment to extend the no-wake zone currently within 50 yards of the shoreline at Tamarac Shores Marina, northeast to a point in the water, within 50 yards of the shoreline, and including the cove northwest of the marina - *Betsy Haywood (Exhibit J)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 Montgomery County, Badin Lake – approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with a public hearing and open comment period, for a no-wake zone on Badin Lake in Montgomery County at the Old North State Marina fuel dock. The no-wake zone is marked. The WRC requests rulemaking to codify in the NCAC's so that the no-wake zone is enforceable – *Betsy Haywood (Exhibit K)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 Stanly County, Badin Lake – approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with a public hearing and open comment period for a no-wake zone on Badin Lake in Stanly County within 50 yards of both sides of the Badin Lake railroad trestle bridge near the Stanly/Montgomery County line – *Betsy Haywood (Exhibit L)*

Exhibits J, K, and L are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

OTHER RULEMAKING

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10I – Endangered and Threatened Species – On a motion by Mike Johnson and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed changes to the rules for state listed species. (**Exhibit M-1, M-2**)

Controlled Fox Hunting Preserve Petition – On a motion by Monty Crump and second by Mike Johnson, the Commission voted not to approve the proposed permanent amendments to rules 15A NCAC 10H .1201, .1202, .1203 and .1204 regulating controlled fox hunting preserves from the petition for rulemaking. (**Exhibit N-2**)

Exhibits M-1, M-2 and N-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Hoyle thanked Commissioners and Staff for their attendance and planning for committee meetings. With some of the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, he shared his hopes to have the July Commission Meeting open so the public can attend in person. He thanked Representative Adams for his support of the agency's bill.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ingram noted his appreciation for Commissioner and staff attendance at the meetings. He thanked Commissioners for their support, guidance, and for reviewing documents that

pertain to the agency's mission. He also shared that on a day as fitting as Earth Day it is anticipated the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) will be reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives today. Finally, he thanked Lawrence Dorsey for the very informative spotlight on Alabama Bass.

COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

Representative Jay Adams shared a legislative update and expressed his appreciation for the support of the board and agency.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.
All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

David Hoyle, Jr., Chairman

Date

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

EXHIBIT B-1

June 9, 2021



Public Comments for 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands

Position	Comment Type	Comment
Hunting Deer with Dogs – Goose Creek		
Disagree	Online	“Purchase the land for public use.”
Disagree	Online	“dog hunting should not be prohibited, there is a long tradition of this type of hunting with dogs. Do not destroy yet another tradition.”
Disagree	Online	“They should not prohibit the use of dogs for hunting because it does not harm the community. They have been hunting with dogs for 20+ years, it is unreasonable to prohibit the harvesting of food and meat.”
Disagree	Online	“You shouldnt prohibit the use of dog hunting. Its only 3 months out of 12 and people have been doing in for many years.”
Disagree	Verbal	The Sporting Dog Association members are disappointed in the Goose Creek temp rule. Appreciates the opportunity to work with Commission
Sunday Hunting		
Agree	Online	“For many hunters, like myself, who are primarily able to hunt on weekends (especially from Urban areas, where hunting before and after work are difficult due to proximity to hunttable lands), this effectively doubles our ability to participate in this conservation activity that we all love so much. In urban areas, where hunter recruitment for conservation reasons is so difficult, not enacting this rule would be a huge loss. I am IN FAVOR, and hope you are too. Thanks for listening!”
Agree	Online	“Also open Dover Bay for 7 days area. Wayne County, specifically Goldsboro, is located in an area where all gamelans are rather far with the exception of Dover Bay. This would give opportunity for persons like myself to hunt more than one day per week since I DO NOT have access to private lands.”
Agree	Online	“Strongly support opening Sunday hunting on Game Lands.”
Agree	Online	“I fully support this proposal. The proposal went through the standard public comment period/open forums and the objections received AFTER should be considered irrelevant.”

Position	Comment Type	Comment
Agree	Online	"I agree with the decision to change from six days per week to seven days per week. thank you"
Agree	Email	"Why are not all previous 6 day game lands now 7 day game lands? This seems very descriminatory."
Agree	Email	"I wanted to voice my opinion on the NC Sunday hunting law. Most people work during the week and Sunday is a day being taken away from them? With hunters being one of the largest and steady contributors of money to the state you would think that Sunday hunting would not be a issue. Just think about it Sunday hunting will bring in more revenue locally. It can even bring in more money from people hunting from out of state. I am 100% for hunting on Sunday everywhere. For some of us it's our church. After watching the sunrise and hearing the world wake up if you are not a believer it will make you one. Thank you for your time."
Agree	Email	"National Shooting Sports Foundation in support of the WRC's proposed temporary rule to allow for Sunday hunting on select Game Lands during the 2021-2022 hunting season."
Agree	Verbal	North Carolina resident and I am happy with the Sunday hunting rule.
Agree	Verbal	I support Sunday hunting on game lands
Agree	Verbal	Member of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and supports temp rule. Especially the piece on Sunday hunting. This is a game changer for people who work 40 hours a week.
Agree	Verbal	Member of CSF and supports Sunday hunting proposals
Agree	Email	"Safari Club International on behalf of its members in North Carolina are happy to provide public comments in SUPPORT of WRC's temporary rules, specifically G10, G11 and G12 –rules that will expanding Sunday hunting opportunities on Game Lands in North Carolina."
Disagree	Email	The voices of those using game lands for wildlife-associated recreation often do not have a strong organized voice such as those who have participated in this process. I do not believe Sunday hunting is in the overall best interest of North Carolina citizens. I oppose Sunday hunting on game lands. (See attached PDF for full comment)
Disagree	Email	"I support Sunday hunting of waterfowl. The restriction of no Sunday hunting disproportionately affects working people who have jobs Monday- Friday. If a person works Monday- Friday they are limited to only hunting waterfowl one day per week. Additonally, the make up days allocated for the October season are not beneficial since the majority of migrating ducks aren't in the area during that time frame and the majority of the hunting days are still during the week. Please consider this change to future season revisions."

Position	Comment Type	Comment
Misc.		
N/A	Email	<p>“Hello, Wondering why this section is being deleted:</p> <p>No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any 5 bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so 6 mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior 7 written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based 8 on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game 9 birds or game animals attracted to such foods.</p> <p>I am opposed to poaching and think baiting is generally unsportsmanlike.”</p>
Agree	Verbal	Thank you to the Commission for this process and I support the proposed changes.
Agree	Verbal	Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Appreciates the NCWRC and supports the temp rules. Will support the General Assembly.
Agree	Verbal	Sportsman’s Alliance supports temp rule.
Agree	Verbal	VA NCBA supports temp rules
N/A	Verbal	No public notice of public hearing.

One public hearing was held on May 19, 2021 where 24 people were in attendance.

Comments on Sunday Hunting:

15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS – Temporary Rule

Lena Gallitano

May 14, 2021

I am submitting these comments in opposition to ALL Sunday hunting on public land in North Carolina.

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) conducted an extensive process on the issue of Sunday hunting but I believe it has failed to consider the increased number of wildlife watchers and other game land users across North Carolina in the last year.

There have been dramatic increases in citizens participating in outdoor activities as a result of the COVID restrictions. Many people have begun to explore public lands and to appreciate our natural resources. With some State Parks at capacity on weekends, the nearby game lands would be an alternate resource for outside activities. The decision on specific game lands for Sunday hunting were made, in some cases, based on a State park being nearby for activities. This may no longer be possible with the increased number of citizens seeking outside activities. Game lands should be available on Sundays to ALL visitors, not restricted to a smaller population of Sunday hunters.

This summary over time by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service clearly illustrates the growing number of wildlife associated recreationists while the number of hunters is in overall decline. These numbers beg the question, who is being served by opening game lands to Sunday hunting?

2001-2016 Comparison of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (2020 Survey has not been published) All numbers in thousands				
	2001*	2006*	2011**	2016***
Anglers - Total	34,067	33,916	33,112	35,754
Hunters - Total	13,034	12,510	13,674	11,453
Wildlife-Watching Participants - Total	66,105	71,132	71,776	86,042
Around-the-Home	62,928	67,756	68,598	81,128
Away-from-Home	21,823	22,977	22,496	23,720
*2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, National Overview, Issued May 2007, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service				
** 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, National Overview, Issued August 2012, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service				
*** 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, April 2018, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service				

The Wildlife Resources Commission has two projects in the Wildlife Diversity Program that may potentially have negative impacts from Sunday hunting:

1. North Carolina Birding Trail – there are sites across North Carolina with many of them being on game lands.
2. North Carolina Bird Atlas – a statewide project to map the distribution of birds across the state. <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Blog/five-year-statewide-bird-survey-to-begin-in-march>

The voices of those using game lands for wildlife-associated recreation often do not have a strong organized voice such as those who have participated in this process. I do not believe Sunday hunting is in the overall best interest of North Carolina citizens. I oppose Sunday hunting on game lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena Gallitano

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Many North Carolinians, and non-resident hunters for that matter, are not afforded the opportunity to hunt on Sundays simply because they cannot afford to purchase or lease private property. By opening public lands to be used by the public, even more people will be able to enjoy hunting on Sundays during the regulated hunting seasons.

As the major contributors to the upkeep and conservation of North Carolina's natural resources, hunters should be afforded the same ability to hunt on Game Lands on Sundays, just as the other recreational users can enjoy these public lands. Hunters generate much of the revenue for the Commission's budget through the purchase of hunting licenses and stamps, as well as the excise tax paid on firearms and ammunition.

It is for these reasons, the National Shooting Sports Foundation supports the proposed temporary rules to open Game Lands for Sunday hunting during the 2021-2022 hunting season.





May 21, 2021

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Re: Temporary Rules:

- **G10** – Creates Temporary Rule for “Seven and Four Days Per Week Game Lands” which would allow Sunday hunting on Game Lands under these designations.
- **G11** – Creates Temporary Rule for six Game Lands as “Four Days per Week Game Lands” which would allow Sunday hunting on these Game Lands.
- **G12** – Creates Temporary Rule for 45 Game Lands as “Seven Days per Week Game Lands” which would allow Sunday hunting on these Game Lands.

Position: Support.

To Whom It May Concern,

Safari Club International (SCI) and its members in North Carolina are pleased to provide comments to the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) in **support of proposed rules G10, G11 and G12**, which will expand Sunday hunting opportunities on public Game Lands to the more than 1.5 million sportsmen and women in North Carolina.

SCI is a nonprofit corporation with approximately 45,000 members worldwide, including in the state of North Carolina. SCI members contribute to the conservation and management of wildlife species through habitat initiatives, donations to research and management programs, and participation in regulated hunting. SCI is an international leader in representing the role of hunting as a conservation tool and actively supports efforts to increase hunting opportunities.

Since passage of the Outdoor Heritage Enhanced Act of 2017, which transferred regulatory authority for public lands Sunday hunting from the legislature to the WRC, SCI has worked alongside local, state, and national partners to encourage the WRC to move forward with rulemaking to allow Sunday hunting on Game Lands.

Throughout 2020, SCI participated in the lengthy stakeholder engagement process to provide input used to evaluate the feasibility of Sunday hunting on these Game Lands. SCI supports the criteria developed by the WRC to identify appropriate Game Lands to open to Sunday hunting, which included identifying rural Game Lands that are not heavily used by non-hunters, lands that have close proximity to other Game Lands and public lands where hunting is prohibited, lands that have value and unique properties that are important to user groups, and recommended areas to avoid where past conflict has occurred regularly.

Ultimately, those criteria were used to develop proposals “G17, G18, and G19” that SCI originally supported during WRC’s original Proposed Regulation open comment period in a letter from SCI President, Scott Chapman, dated February 1st.

After receiving objection, SCI is happy to see WRC moving to create temporary rules that will enact **G10, G11 and G12**; all proposals that will finally expand hunting opportunities to Game Lands on Sundays. These temporary rules will help avoid public confusion around Sunday hunting and Game Lands before the bulk of the 2021-2022 hunting seasons start this fall.

Currently, no Game Lands are open for Sunday hunting, and hunters continue to be the only user-group excluded from Game Lands on Sundays despite hunters’ significant financial contributions to WRC through the sale of hunting licenses and federal excise taxes placed on firearms and ammunition.

Opponents of expanding hunting opportunities to publicly owned lands on Sundays typically make emotionally based arguments regarding the safety of hunters and non-hunters. Those arguments are not supported with data. According to a [National Shooting Sports Foundation study in 2017](#), hunting results in fewer injuries per 100,000 participants than many sports, including golf, bowling, and tennis. In addition, currently more than 40 states have some form of Sunday hunting opportunities on public and private lands available for their citizens. These states provide a clear blueprint for how hunting and non-hunting users can coexist on public lands in North Carolina.

Expanding Sunday hunting opportunities is a key component of providing more people, especially youth, with more opportunities to engage in the sport, ultimately leading to more hunters in the years to come. Maintaining or increasing America’s millions of hunters is crucial to maintaining or increasing the revenues necessary to sustain wildlife and habitat conservation programs.

SCI looks forward to continuing to work with WRC staff and commissioners in ensuring more North Carolina hunters can access public Game Lands on Sundays in the future.

If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact me at

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Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT B-2

June 9, 2021



Proposed Temporary Amendments to 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands – Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

- G1. Amend NCAC rule text by changing the name of Alcoa Game Land to Yadkin River Game Land

Justification:

Alcoa Game Land is comprised of the High Rock and Tuckertown tracts. As part of the FERC Relicensing Settlement Agreement with Alcoa Power Generating Inc., the Commission purchased the High Rock tracts in 2019 and will complete the purchase of the Tuckertown tracts by September 2021. Alcoa Power Generating Inc. will no longer be associated with these lands and a name that is more geographically relevant to these lands is needed. These lands are adjacent to the Yadkin River and the name Yadkin River Game Land will provide a reference to the Commission's constituents as to the location of this game land.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 8)

- G2. Amend NCAC rule text by removing Brunswick County Game Land.

Justification:

The private landowner removed Brunswick County Game Land from the Game Land Program in 2017. This change will update the NC Administrative Code.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 10)

- G3. Clarify NCAC rule text that establishes the December segment of the bear season for Alligator River, Buckridge, Chowan Swamp, Gull Rock, and Van Swamp game lands.

Justification:

An administrative change to clarify language in the NCAC.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 9, 10, 13, 17, and 29)

- G4. Clarify that horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 – August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 – May 15 on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell, Chatham, Jordan, and Pee Dee River game lands. This proposal will also allow equestrian riding on gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use at Pee Dee River Game Land. This proposal will also clarify that a Game Land License is not needed to ride horses on the American Tobacco Trail at Jordan Game Land.

Justification:

The existing rule language is confusing regarding Sundays during hunting seasons and has been interpreted differently from the way it was intended. This will make the

permitted riding times easier to understand. This change will also allow for more horseback riding opportunities at Pee Dee River Game Land and clarify needs for a Game Land License at Jordan Game Land.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 12, 13, 19, 22)

- G5. Prohibit the pursuing or chasing of deer and bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting on the Beaufort County portion of Goose Creek Game Land north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.

Justification:

Landowners adjacent to this portion of the game land have complained and reported about trespass, unleashed dogs on their property, and harassing and intimidating behaviors from dog hunters.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 16)

- G6. Implement permanent rule text to replace a temporary rule that corrected a clerical error in the NCAC regarding the primitive weapons seasons for deer on Nicholson Creek Game Land.

Justification:

An administrative change to clarify language in the NCAC.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 21)

- G7. Change Perkins Game Land from an Introductory Either-Sex Gun Season to a Conservative Either-Sex Gun Season.

Justification:

This proposal would increase hunter opportunities by adding five days for when antlerless deer could be harvested on Perkins Game Land during the either-sex gun season. Perkins Game Land is approximately 1,100 acres in size and located in Davie County. Deer densities near this game land in Davie County suggest that these additional five days of opportunity would not adversely affect the local deer population. This change would closer align the Perkins Game Land regulations with nearby properties enrolled in the Game Land Program that are in the Maximum Either Sex-Gun Season. Lastly, the property owner is supportive of this change.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 22)

- G8. Clarify the times and places where horseback riding will be permitted and not allowed on the Sandhills Game Land.

Justification:

The existing rule language does not address horseback riding outside of the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of the Sandhills Game Land. This rule will make it clear that horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week. For safety reasons and the protection of sensitive habitats, this rule will also establish that horseback riding can only occur on roads open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads or trails posted for equestrian use.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 26)

G9. Amend NCAC rule text to remove references to impoundments on Stones Creek Game Land.

Justification:

Posted waterfowl impoundment do not exist on this game land.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 27)

G10. Add the definition of a “Seven Days per Week Game Land” and indicate that hunting is allowed Monday through Sunday during open seasons. Also add the definition for a “Four Days per Week Game Land” and indicate that hunting is allowed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Further, as per G.S. 103-2, this rule will indicate that on Sundays, hunting with a fire arm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM is prohibited, the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs is prohibited, and hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, is prohibited.

Justification:

G.S. 103-2 gives the Commission the authority to authorize hunting on Sundays on Game Lands. This proposal will amend the definitions of game lands and identify Sunday as an open day for “Seven Days per Week Areas” and “Four Days per Week Areas”. This rule also outlines the restrictions to Sunday hunting as outlined in G.S. 103-2.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 8)

G11. Change the following six game lands to “Four Days per Week Game Lands”:

Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve
Columbus County
Mitchell River
Perkins
Robeson
Sampson

Justification:

G.S. 103-2 gives the Commission the authority to authorize hunting on Sunday on Game Lands. Based on seven in-person public meetings, two virtual public meetings, three focus group meetings with stakeholders, an Agency staff retreat, discussions with landowning partners, biological staff, and commissioners, and a follow up meeting with stakeholders, the following criteria were used to help evaluate the feasibility of Sunday hunting on game lands: rural game lands that are not heavily used by non-hunters, proximity to other game lands and public lands where hunting is prohibited, value to unique properties that are important to user groups, avoid game lands where past conflict has been a pattern. Given the results of the public input process, staff recommend that Sunday hunting be allowed at the above game lands and that these areas be changed from “Three Days per Week Areas” to “Four Days per Week Areas”.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 10 - 24)

G12. Change the following 45 game lands to “Seven Days per Week Game Lands”:

Alcoa
Alligator River

Angola Bay
Bachelor Bay
Brinkleyville
Buffalo Cove
Cape Fear River Wetlands
Carteret County
Chatham
Chowan
Cold Mountain
Croatan
Currituck Banks
Dare
Elk Knob
Embro
Goose Creek
Gull Rock
Harris
Hyco
Juniper Creek
Lee
Light Ground Pocosin
Linwood
Lower Fishing Creek
Mayo
Nantahala
Needmore
New Lake
North River
Northwest River Marsh
Pee Dee River
Pisgah
Pond Mountain
Sandy Creek
Shocco Creek
South Mountains
Sutton Lake
Three Top Mountain
Thurmond Chatham
Tillery
Toxaway
Uwharrie

Van Swamp
William H. Silver

Justification:

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15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 8 - 30)

G13. Prohibit the harvest of bear on Sunday on the following game lands in the Coastal Bear Management Unit:

Alligator River
Angola Bay
Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve
Cape Fear River Wetlands
Carteret County
Chowan
Croatan
Currituck Banks
Goose Creek
Gull Rock
Juniper Creek
Light Ground Pocosin
New Lake
North River
Northwest River Marsh
Robeson
Sampson
Sutton Lake
Van Swamp

Justification:

There is concern about allowing additional harvest of bear in the Coastal Bear Management Unit (CBMU) since the population objective of a 0% population growth

rate is currently being met. Additional opportunities for harvest in the CBMU could result in negative population growth rate or a reduction in the population size. Further, increased weekend hunting on game lands in the CBMU that have significant bear hunting traditions could impact hunt quality. Therefore, recommendation at this time is to prohibit bear hunting on Sundays on the game lands in CBMU to meet the guiding principal identified by the focus groups, that the resources come first. If management objectives change or changes in the bear population are observed in the CBMU, staff will reevaluate the conditions and adjust the rule to allow for additional opportunities in the CBMU if warranted.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (pages 9 - 29)

1 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

2 (a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of alcohol
3 or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the
4 Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

5 (b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or gates,
6 or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

7 (c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached
8 by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-
9 screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.

10 (d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals
11 and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to hunting
12 or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game animal or
13 game bird seasons. ~~On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:~~

- 14 ~~(1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;~~
- 15 ~~(2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;~~
- 16 ~~(3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;~~
- 17 ~~(4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and~~
- 18 ~~(5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.~~

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- 20 (A) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting
- 21 dates;
- 22 (B) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
- 23 (C) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
- 24 (D) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
- 25 (E) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

26 (2) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:

- 27 (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;
- 28 (B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
- 29 (C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S.
- 30 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, thereof, and
- 31 (D) hunting migratory game birds

32 On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before
33 sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and
34 members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty
35 other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-
36 only areas from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions ~~(4)~~, (1)(A), (1)(C), ~~(3)~~, and ~~(5)~~ (1)(E) in this Paragraph
37 shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season

1 and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the
2 impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." ~~No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any
3 bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so
4 mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior
5 written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based
6 on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game
7 birds or game animals attracted to such foods.~~

8 (e) Definitions:

9 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
10 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
11 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.

12 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
13 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
14 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
15 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
16 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under
17 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until
18 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

19 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
20 may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
21 during the open seasons.

22 (4) For purposes of this Section, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game
23 may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,
24 Saturdays, and Sundays.

25 (5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
26 may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays,
27 and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00
28 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

29 (f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or
30 parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

31 (g) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

32 (1) ~~Area~~ Yadkin River Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties

33 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county,
36 and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

- 1 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.
- 2 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
- 3 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Day per Week Area
- 4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~
- 7 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
- 8 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season.
- 9 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 12 Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 15 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, ~~Martin~~, and Washington counties
- 16 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (C) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 24 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
- 25 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 27 Antlers Season.
- 28 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- 29 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- 30 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- 31 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 32 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 33 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through
- 34 August 1.
- 35 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
- 36 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
 2 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 4 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 5 ~~(8)~~ Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
- 6 ~~(A)~~ Hunting is by permit only.
- 7 ~~(B)~~ The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 8 ~~(9)~~(8) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- 9 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 10 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 11 ~~(10)~~(9) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
- 12 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
 14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~three hunting days during~~
 16 ~~of the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days of the second week~~ second
 17 Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season. ~~If any of these days falls~~
 18 ~~on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.~~
- 19 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 20 ~~(11)~~(10) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- 21 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
 23 Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of
 24 either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on
 25 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
 26 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with
 27 archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible
 28 Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
 29 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest
 30 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- 31 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
 32 Antlers Season.
- 33 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
 34 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 35 ~~(12)~~(11) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 36 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 4 ~~(13)~~(12) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 8 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 9 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 10 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 11 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
13 hunting after November 1.
- 14 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 15 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 16 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 17 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
18 Falls Lake.
- 19 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
20 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
21 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
22 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September
23 1 through May 14.
- 24 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
25 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 26 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
27 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited
28 in this camping area.
- 29 ~~(14)~~(13) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 33 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 34 ~~(15)~~(14) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 35 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 2 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
- 3 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
- 4 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 5 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 6 (F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 7 ~~(16)~~(15) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 8 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 10 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 11 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 12 (D) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
- 13 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 14 ~~(17)~~(16) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 15 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 17 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 18 (C) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from
- 19 May 16 through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only,
- 20 September 1 through May 15. during the remainder of the year except during open turkey
- 21 and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic
- 22 and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older
- 23 horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 24 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
- 25 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of
- 26 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
- 27 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
- 28 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
- 29 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
- 30 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
- 31 November 1.
- 32 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
- 33 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 34 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- 35 ~~(18)~~(17) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- 36 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 3 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 4 (D) Horseback ~~riding~~ riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from
5 May 16 through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only
6 September 1 through May 15, during the remainder of the year except during open turkey
7 and deer seasons. .
- 8 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 ~~(19)~~(18) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
12 Season.
- 13 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 14 ~~(20)~~(19) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season.
- 18 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~three hunting days~~
19 during of the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
20 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December bear season except that portion
21 of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of
22 Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River
23 where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
- 24 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
25 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 26 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
27 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
28 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 29 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 30 ~~(21)~~(20) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- 31 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
33 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 34 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season.
- 36 ~~(22)~~(21) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 37 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.
- 4 ~~(23)~~(22) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 5 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 9 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 10 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 11 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl
13 seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish
14 Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 15 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas.
16 During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 17 (F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 18 ~~(24)~~(23) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 19 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
21 permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.
- 22 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
23 guides do not use a firearm.
- 24 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- 25 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of
26 their hunt.
- 27 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
28 or blind to a tree.
- 29 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
30 season.
- 31 (H) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 32 ~~(25)~~(24) Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County
- 33 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer hunting is by permit only.
- 35 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 36 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age
37 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.

- 1 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 2 ~~(26)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties
- 3 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 6 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 7 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 8 ~~(27)~~(26) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- 9 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 11 season.
- 12 ~~(28)~~(27) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- 13 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 14 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders
- 15 during scheduled permit hunts.
- 16 ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- 17 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 19 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 20 ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- 21 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 23 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 24 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 25 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 26 ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- 27 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 29 Antlers Season.
- 30 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 31 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 32 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 33 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 34 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 35 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all
- 36 waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl

1 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
2 Creek, and Hobucken.

3 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
4 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping
5 season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1
6 through March 15.

7 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
8 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

9 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
10 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
11 opportunity permit.

12 (H) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
13 prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC 33 except for that portion east of
14 Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.

15 (I) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

16 ~~(32)~~(31) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties

17 (A) Six Days per Week Area

18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season.

20 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.

21 ~~(33)~~(32) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County

22 (A) Six Days per Week Area

23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.

25 (C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little
26 Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.

27 (D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
28 prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of
29 Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.

30 ~~(34)~~(33) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County

31 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season.

34 (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

35 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and

36 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

37 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.

- 1 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
2 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 3 (E) Bear may only be taken the first ~~Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of three hunting days~~
4 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the ~~second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday first~~
5 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season, except for that
6 portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 7 ~~(35)~~(34) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- 8 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 11 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 12 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 13 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 14 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 15 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- 16 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 17 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 19 ~~(36)~~(35) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season
- 23 ~~(37)~~(36) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 24 ~~(38)~~(37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- 25 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
27 Antlers Season.
- 28 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 29 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 30 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 31 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 32 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
33 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 34 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
35 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
36 bear hunting are permit only.
- 37 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:

- 1 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
2 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
3 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
4 (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving,
5 Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden
6 Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River,
7 south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting
8 is by permit only.
- 9 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
10 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
11 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 12 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and
13 within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- 14 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- 15 (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 16 ~~(39)~~(38) Hyco Game land in Person County
- 17 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 20 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 21 ~~(40)~~(39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 22 ~~(41)~~(40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- 23 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 24 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
- 25 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
26 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
27 permits.
- 28 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 29 (E) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is
30 limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 31 ~~(42)~~(41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
- 32 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
34 Antlers Season.
- 35 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
- 36 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
37 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and

(iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(D) Horseback ~~riding~~ riding, including all equine species, is ~~prohibited except~~ allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. ~~the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.~~ People age 16 or older ~~must shall obtain who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess~~ a Game Lands ~~license.~~ license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.

(E) Target shooting is prohibited.

(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.

(G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.

~~(43)~~(42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties

(A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

~~(44)~~(43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

(C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.

(D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.

(E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.

(F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

(G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.

~~(45)~~(44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 2 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 3 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 4 ~~(46)~~(45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 5 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 7 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 8 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 ~~(47)~~(46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 12 Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 14 ~~(48)~~(47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 15 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 17 Antlers Season.
- 18 ~~(49)~~(48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 19 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 21 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 22 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 23 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 25 ~~(50)~~(49) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- 26 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 29 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 30 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 31 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
- 32 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 33 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 34 ~~(51)~~(50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- 35 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 37 Antlers Season through the second ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday thereafter.

- 1 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
2 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 3 ~~(52)~~(51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
4 counties
- 5 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 8 ~~(53)~~(52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- 9 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
11 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 12 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- 13 ~~(54)~~(53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- 14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season.
- 17 (C) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the
18 game land that lies west of NC-43.
- 19 ~~(55)~~(54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- 20 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 24 ~~(56)~~(55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 25 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
27 Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 28 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
29 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
30 thereafter.
- 31 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
32 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 33 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
34 Antlers Season.
- 35 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 36 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 37 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:

- 1 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
2 (ii) Swimming.
- 3 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 ~~(57)~~(56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 5 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
9 shoreline.
- 10 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 11 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 12 ~~(58)~~(57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 13 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
- 16 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
17 shoreline.
- 18 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 19 ~~(59)~~(58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 20 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 23 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North
24 of US-74.
- 25 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 26 (E) Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on
27 Sundays only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and
28 gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use. only during the following times:
- 29 (i) during June, July, and August; and
- 30 (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey
31 seasons are closed.
- 32 (F) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be
33 prohibited on that portion south of US-74.
- 34 ~~(60)~~(59) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- 35 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers ~~Season.~~ Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.

- 1 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 2 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 3 ~~(61)~~(60) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,
4 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
- 5 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River
9 (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 10 (D) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke
11 County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open
12 day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this
13 restriction.
- 14 ~~(62)~~(61) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 15 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 18 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31
19 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited
20 from November 1 through May 15.
- 21 ~~(63)~~(62) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 ~~(64)~~(63) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- 26 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
28 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 29 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- 30 ~~(65)~~(64) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- 31 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 32 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- 33 ~~(66)~~(65) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- 34 (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
- 35 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
36 or by permit holders.

1 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
2 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,
3 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
4 owned portion of the game land.

5 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.

6 ~~(67)~~(66) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.

7 ~~(68)~~(67) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County

8 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season.

11 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

12 ~~(69)~~(68) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County

13 (A) Three Days per Week Area

14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
15 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.

16 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
17 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
18 thereafter.

19 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
20 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.

21 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.

23 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

24 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

25 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.

26 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.

27 ~~(70)~~(69) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.

28 ~~(71)~~(70) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County

29 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.

32 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.

33 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

34 ~~(72)~~(71) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties

35 (A) Three Days per Week Area

36 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
37 through March 31 except as follows:

- 1 (i) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of
2 the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with
3 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the
4 blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving
5 Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from
6 the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following
7 Thanksgiving Day;
- 8 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through
9 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 10 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday
11 before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 12 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
13 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 14 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- 15 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
16 Program Permit Hunt; and
- 17 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
18 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- 19 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
20 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the
21 J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 22 (D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth
23 Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds,
24 the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
25 taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit
26 during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated
27 in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday
28 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 29 (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding
30 Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on
31 the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day
32 through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open
33 hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With
34 Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday
35 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 36 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.

- 1 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing
- 2 days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 3 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 4 (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
- 5 unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder
- 6 of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic
- 7 and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 8 (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
- 9 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 10 (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 11 ~~(73)~~(72) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin ~~Counties~~ counties
- 12 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 14 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 15 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 16 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 17 (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 18 ~~(74)~~(73) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- 19 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 21 Antlers season.
- 22 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 23 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 24 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
- 25 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- 26 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove
- 27 season.
- 28 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 29 ~~(75)~~(74) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 30 ~~(76)~~(75) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
- 31 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 33 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 34 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 35 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 36 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 37 (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.

1 ~~(77)~~(76) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties

- 2 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 3 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
- 4 Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of
- 5 either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on
- 6 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
- 7 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with
- 8 archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
- 10 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest
- 11 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- 12 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 13 Antlers Season.
- 14 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
- 15 (i) January 2 through March 31;
- 16 (ii) May 16 through August 31;
- 17 (iii) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- 18 (iv) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

19 ~~(78)~~(77) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County

- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 24 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 25 (E) ~~Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments~~ Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 26 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 27 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 28 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 29 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 30 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

31 ~~(79)~~(78) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties

- 32 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 33 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 34 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 35 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 36 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 37 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.

- 1 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
2 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only
3 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
4 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 5 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
6 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
7 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
8 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 9 ~~(80)~~(79) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 13 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 15 ~~(81)~~(80) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County
- 16 (A) Hunting is by permit only
- 17 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited
- 18 ~~(82)~~(81) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 19 ~~(83)~~(82) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 20 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 23 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 24 ~~(84)~~(83) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 25 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
27 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 28 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
29 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or
30 older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 31 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
32 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
33 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 34 ~~(85)~~(84) Tillery ~~game~~ Game Land in Halifax County
- 35 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

- 1 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 2 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 3 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 4 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 5 ~~(86)~~(85) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 6 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 8 Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 10 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 11 ~~(87)~~(86) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 12 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 14 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 15 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
- 16 days:
- 17 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 18 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 19 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 20 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 21 ~~(88)~~(87) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
- 26 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 27 ~~(89)~~(88) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 28 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 30 Antlers Season.
- 31 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~
- 32 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
- 33 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season.
- 34 ~~(90)~~(89) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County
- 35 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 36 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 37 ~~(91)~~(90) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County

- 1 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 3 Antlers Season.
- 4 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 5 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 6 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 7 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 8 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all
- 10 waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 11 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 12 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
- 13 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
- 14 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 15 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 16 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 17 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 18 (G) Target Shooting is prohibited.

19 ~~(92)~~(91) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties

- 20 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 21 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 22 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 23 (C) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
- 24 prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.

25 ~~(93)~~(92) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County

- 26 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.

29 (h) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
 30 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of
 31 hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and
 32 are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or
 33 by phone.

34 (i) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
 35 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- 36 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- 37 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;

- 1 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- 2 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
- 3 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- 4 (6) Dare County—Roanoke ~~Sound~~ Marshes Game Lands; and
- 5 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

6 (j) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
7 Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
8 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
9 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
10 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public
11 interest.

12 (k) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal or game bird using any
13 legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands
14 that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

15 (l) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt on
16 any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where
17 prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

18 (m) Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days. On the day declared by the Commission to be Veterans and Military
19 Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including
20 members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt
21 on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas.

22 (n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants
23 of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed
24 season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice,
25 the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

26 (o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

27 (p) When waterfowl hunting is authorized in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on
28 Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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