



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

March 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner John Coley*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Garry Spence*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(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 inquire 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 Cogdell*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Take action on the January 29, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2014 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONERS - *Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board.* Read into the minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2014 Statements of Economic Interest for Thomas Fonville, John T. Coley IV, and James Cogdell – *Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison*

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Cecilia Edgar, Budget Director (EXHIBIT B)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report – *John Coley, Chair*

Small Game Committee Report – *Garry Spence, Chair*

Fisheries Committee Report – *Joe Barker, Vice Chair*

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *Jim Cogdell, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – UPDATE ON AGENCY BRANDING AND MARKETING - Receive a presentation about recent branding efforts and marketing initiatives – *Jenny Harris, Marketing Director*

INLAND FISHERIES

Fisheries, Wildlife Education and Outreach Update - Receive an update on activities of the Division of Inland Fisheries - *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Summary of Public Comments - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to inland fishing regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT C)*

2015 – 2016 Inland Fishing Regulation Proposals – Review and consider for adoption changes in the 2015 - 2016 inland fishing regulations – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT D)*

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Management Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Division of Wildlife Management – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

Summary of Public Comments – Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to wildlife management regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E)*

2015 – 2016 Wildlife Management Regulation Proposals – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in wildlife management regulations for 2015 - 2016 – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT F)*

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND LANDS MANAGEMENT

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions – Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4)*

- Deviney 2014 Tract – Rutherford County (G-1)
- DOT River Bend Tract – Caswell County (G-2)
- Graves Addition Tract – Caswell County (G-3)
- Shelton Tract – Buncombe County (G-4)

Easement Request, Rowan County - Consider an easement request across a portion of Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT H)*

Rulemaking

Summary of Public Comments – Review summary of public comments on proposed changes to game land regulations received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT I)*

2015-2016 Game Land Regulation Proposals – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in the 2015-2016 game land regulations – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT J)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

No Wake Zone Adoption, Currituck County – Review public comments and consider adoption of a no wake zone at Waterview Shores in Currituck County – *Kate Pipkin, Rules Biologist (EXHIBIT K)*

Temporary No Wake Zones Adoption, Lake Wylie – Review public comments and consider recommendation for temporary adoption of two proposed no wake zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

Approval of Fiscal Note and Notice of Text for Permanent Rulemaking, Lake Wylie – Consider approval of fiscal note and consider recommendation to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for two permanent no wake zones requested by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission on Lake Wylie, in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBIT M -1, M-2)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Jim Cogdell*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

ADJOURN

EXHIBIT A
March 5, 2015



MINUTES
January 29, 2015
N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

The January 29, 2015 meeting of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission was called to order by *Commission Chairman* Jim Cogdell at 9:01 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission headquarters in Raleigh. Chairman Cogdell reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded as a public record and was audio streaming live at www.ncwildlife.org. He reminded everyone to silence cell phones during the meeting.

Commissioner Tommy Fonville led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Neal Hanks gave the invocation.

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY AND WELCOME

Chairman Cogdell advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as presented in the agenda. Chairman Cogdell then welcomed the Commissioners and visitors present, including Commissioner Seegars' wife Jacquie, Chester Lowder of the NC Farm Bureau, and members of the NC Wildlife Federation. Commissioners Nat Harris and Michell Hicks were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Jim Cogdell
Joe Barker
John Litton Clark
David Hoyle, Jr.
Ray Clifton
Mark Craig
John Coley
Tim Spear

Brian White
Wes Seegars
Joe Budd
Neal Hanks
Garry Spence
Richard Edwards
Tommy Fonville
Tom Berry

VISITORS

Hal Atkinson - Boone and Crockett Club
Dick Hamilton – NC Wildlife Federation
Dr. Tom Ray
Debbie Norville
Robbie Norville
Karen Beck – NCDA & CS
Ned Jones - NC Trout Unlimited
Will Morgan – The Nature Conservancy

Tamara Zmuda – NCDOJ
Fred Harris – NCWF
Tim Gestwicki – NCWF
Bob Brown – NCWF
Gwen Newell – NCDPS
Chester Lowder – NC Farm Bureau
Mary Jean Pugh – NC DENR
Henri McClees – NC Sporting Dog Assn.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2014 MEETING

Commissioner John Litton Clark made a motion to approve the October 30, 2014 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr. and carried. **The Minutes**, titled **Exhibit A**, are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2014 TELEPHONIC MEETING

On a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by John Litton Clark, the Commission approved the minutes of the December 9, 2014 telephonic meeting of the WRC. **The Minutes**, titled **Exhibit B**, are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Cecilia Edgar, *Budget Director*, gave the financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2014, presented in **Exhibit C**. The Operating Fund balance was \$19,269,718.25. The Endowment Fund balance was \$112,458,491.62. Edgar reported \$20,322,127.72 in expendable interest and \$11,311,300.58 in non-expendable interest. **Exhibit C** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Report – *Committee Chairman* Tom Berry reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on January 28, 2015. The Committee reviewed five Phase I land acquisitions and seven Phase II acquisitions. The Committee charged staff with reviewing five recent acquisitions to compare actual costs with the estimated stewardship costs. The Committee discussed the proposed project at Texas Plantation. Ducks Unlimited will make a matching commitment to enhance the project. Other discussion included a suggestion to create a map of the counties showing locations of shooting ranges to investigate where others are needed. A request was made to show an inventory of nongame species on land acquisition forms. Chairman Berry stated that conservation partners have made a commitment to purchase more than 500 acres for elk habitat.

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Meeting Report – January 7, 2015 in Greensboro - *Committee Chairman* Mark Craig reported that the HNGES Committee met in Greensboro on January 7, 2015. The committee received an update on the Wildlife Action Plan.

Joint Meeting of HNGES and Big Game Committees Report – January 28, 2015 in Raleigh – *HNGES Committee Chairman* Mark Craig reported that the HNGES and Big Game Committees met jointly on January 28, 2015. Staff presented a summary of a Dwarf Wedgemussel Augmentation proposal. The Committee authorized staff to proceed with the proposal.

Big Game Committee Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. reported that RTI International presented a summary of the final report for the Evaluation of the Feasibility of Establishing a Hunttable Elk Population in North Carolina, prepared for the Commission by RTI International.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Report – *Executive Director* Gordon Myers reported that the Committee of the Whole met on January 28, 2014. The Committee reviewed comments from public hearings about rules proposals for adoption in March. The COW received a Boating Safety report from Colonel Jon Evans. The COW reviewed a request from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for no wake zone rules on Lake Wylie.

The Committee of the Whole moved into closed session under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to receive legal advice from agency and assigned counsel on three lawsuits.

The Committee of the Whole returned to open session. The COW received an update from Law Enforcement about Operation Something Bruin. A work group will be established for legislative issues associated with the management of captive cervids.

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Executive Director Gordon Myers introduced the recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Robbie Norville. Norville is a 32-year employee of the Wildlife Resources Commission and has worked as the Coastal Region Supervisor. Mary Jean Pugh, *Interim Assistant Secretary of DENR*, presented the award to Robbie Norville.

Break for Photographs – Chairman Cogdell called a short recess so that photographs could be taken. The meeting reconvened at 9:45 am.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – THE NONGAME PROPAGATION PROGRAM AT THE CONSERVATION AQUACULTURE CENTER

Rachael Hoch, *Conservation Aquaculture Biologist*, presented a spotlight about the activities at the Conservation Aquaculture Center at the Marion Fish Hatchery. Hoch stated that the Center is propagating freshwater mussels to strengthen declining populations of some species. The Center partners with other agencies and works with landowners to promote delisting or avoid listing of some aquatic species.

INLAND FISHERIES UPDATE

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, presented an update on the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division. Curry stated that the decline of striped bass in the Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River has resulted in a decrease in allowable catch from 550,000 to 275,000 pounds per year. He announced that upcoming events of interest to the Commission include the Dixie Deer Classic and the East Carolina Wildlife Arts Festival.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division. Cobb announced that 70,355 hunters received the ebear stamp and 24,000 purchased the stamp. 2,500 of the sales were to non-resident hunters. As of January 28, 2015, 2,084 bears had been taken. Because of the good mast this year bears in the mountains did not move, resulting in a decrease in take of mountain bears. Staff is involved with skill-based workshops with the Hunting Heritage Program. Cobb stated that Cherokee biologists are monitoring the health of 17 deer that have been moved to Cherokee properties from Morrow Mountain. Nine GPS collars have been placed on elk. Cobb stated that the deer harvest will be down approximately 10 percent because of the epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) outbreak across the state. Cobb announced that the Upland Gazette will be inserted into the spring and fall magazine guides.

2012-2014 CURE PROGRAM AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. David Cobb presented **Exhibit D**, the 2012-2014 biennial report on the Cooperative Upland habitat Restoration and Enhancement Program (CURE). Cobb reported that the CURE program continues in Rowland, Turnersburg and in the northeastern part of the state. The Wildlife Conservation Lands Program continues in Rowland, Turnersburg and in the northeastern part of the state. The Wildlife Conservation Lands Program provides property tax benefits for management of certain species. **Exhibit D** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TEMPORARY RULE ADOPTION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CAPTIVE CERVIDS

The Commission received in **Exhibit E-1** a summary of public comments pertaining to a temporary rule adoption for the management of captive cervids. Upon a motion by Joe Barker and second by Tim Spear, the Commission adopted in **Exhibit E-2** temporary rules for management of captive cervids to implement the directives to the Commission in Section 14.26 of S. L. 2014-100. **Exhibits E-1 and E-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TEMPORARY RULE ADOPTION FOR COYOTE HUNTING IN FIVE COUNTIES AND FOR DESIGNATING THE RED WOLF AS STATE-LISTED THREATENED SPECIES

The Commission received **Exhibit F-1**, a summary of public comments on proposed temporary rulemaking for coyote hunting and for taking depredating coyotes in Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Hyde Counties, and for designating the red wolf as a state-listed threatened species. On a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by Joe Barker the Commission adopted those temporary rules as presented in **Exhibit F-2**. **Exhibits F-1 and F-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

Phase I Property Acquisitions Requests

On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission approved the presentation by Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, in **Exhibits G-1 through G-5**, authorizing staff to work with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties:

- Gibson Tract – Scotland County (G-1)
- Poplin Tract – Richmond County (G-2)
- Max Lake Tract – Richmond County (G-3)
- North Toe River Penland Fishing Access Area Tract – Mitchell County (G-4)
- North Toe River Wolf Song Ridge Fishing Access Area Tract – Yancey County (G-5)
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Exhibits G-1 through G-5 are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Phase II Property Acquisition Requests - On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission gave final approval to proceed with acquisitions of the following properties presented in **Exhibits H-1 through H-7**:

- Allen Tract – Swain County (H-1)
- Blackburn Tract – Wilkes County (H-2)
- Tracy Tract – Ashe County (H-3)
- Davis Tract – Buncombe County (H-4)
- Godwin II Tract – Pender County (H-5)
- Goodwin Tract – Scotland County (H-6)
- Watson-Old Man’s Bog Tract – Alleghany County (H-7)

Exhibits H-1 through H-7 are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

TEMPORARY RULEMAKING – LAKE WYLIE

Kate Pipkin, *No Wake Zone Coordinator*, presented **Exhibit I**, a request by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for temporary rulemaking to establish two no wake zones near Sadler Island east and Sadler Island west in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. David Hoyle, Jr. made a motion to begin the temporary rulemaking process for Lake Wylie. The motion was seconded by Garry Spence and carried. **Exhibit I** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Cogdell thanked staff for their efforts in presenting public hearings across the state. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of Law Enforcement. He thanked Commissioners for their dedication in attending public hearings. Chairman Cogdell announced the importance of Commissioners’ contacting Legislators about wildlife issues during the session that begins January 28, 2015.

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Gordon Myers thanked staff and Commissioners for their attendance at public hearings. He noted there were many comments of great concern about the health of the deer herd. Myers stated that state-wide public meetings will be held about the white-tail deer herd. Myers reminded Commissioners about the Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus on February 3, 2015, with discussion about issues the legislators want to address. Agency staff will set up tables to display some of the activities and related issues of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE USFWS DECLARE THE RED WOLF EXTINCT IN THE WILD AND TERMINATE THE RED WOLF REINTRODUCTION IN BEAUFORT, DARE, HYDE, TYRRELL AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

As a result of discussion by the Committee of the Whole, Director Myers read a resolution asking that the US Fish and Wildlife Service declare the red wolf extinct in the wild and requesting termination of the Red Wolf Reintroduction Program in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. Wes Seegars made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by David Hoyle, Jr. and the resolution passed unanimously. The Resolution is hereby incorporated by reference into the official record of this meeting and filed with the minutes.

Commissioner Tim Spear was recognized by the Chairman. Spear stated that as a resident of one of the affected counties he commends the Wildlife Resources Commission for adopting the resolution.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE USFWS REMOVE RED WOLVES RELEASED ONTO PRIVATE LANDS IN THE RED WOLF RECOVERY AREA LOCATED IN BEAUFORT, DARE, HYDE, TYRRELL AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

On behalf of the Wildlife Resources Commission Director Myers read a resolution asking the US Fish and Wildlife Service to capture and remove red wolves and their offspring from private lands in the five-county area. Wes Seegars made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by David Hoyle, Jr. the resolution passed unanimously. The Resolution is hereby incorporated by reference into the official record of this meeting and filed with the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Cogdell at 11:05 a.m.

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

Minutes
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
January 29, 2015

Jim Cogdell, Chairman

Date

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

March 5, 2015

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Summary and Analysis of Agency Operating Cash Balance - Code 14350, 24350, 24351 and 24352

	January 2014			January 2015		
Cash Balance July 1		\$ 21,922,571.86		\$ 17,507,785.09		
	2013-2014			2014-2015		
Appropriations	Authorized Budget	Actual	% of Budget	Authorized Budget	Actual	% of Budget
Appropriations	\$ 12,588,531.00	\$ 7,389,948.00		\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 6,682,461.00	
Total	\$ 12,588,531.00	\$ 7,389,948.00	58.70%	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 6,682,461.00	58.97%
Receipts						
License Receipts	\$ 18,709,068.00	\$ 11,647,409.10		\$ 19,018,349.00	\$ 13,736,505.20	
Vessel Receipts	10,010,315.00	3,228,510.00		11,310,037.00	4,232,660.00	
Federal Funds	17,831,634.00	13,882,240.92		28,520,860.00	15,747,928.73	
Publications	345,437.00	318,368.06		345,432.00	385,106.52	
Professional Services	6,354,105.00	3,517,715.90		8,567,065.00	5,916,142.79	
Agency Reimbursements	3,932,934.00	546,788.15		3,934,902.00	2,876,302.76	
Other Receipts	1,156,671.00	857,653.17		681,664.00	577,368.80	
Total	\$ 58,340,164.00	\$ 33,998,685.30	58.28%	\$ 72,378,309.00	\$ 43,472,014.80	60.06%
Expenditures						
2100 Administration	\$ 12,055,135.00	\$ 5,272,455.95		\$ 8,014,946.00	\$ 4,659,356.75	
2120 Enforcement	20,235,667.00	12,125,425.25		22,364,026.00	12,027,264.53	
2130 Education	4,025,237.00	1,945,453.56		3,876,280.00	1,994,704.15	
2140 Inland Fisheries	9,626,775.00	4,693,020.79		10,185,977.00	5,163,957.72	
2150 Management	9,012,140.00	5,327,375.38		10,576,203.00	4,305,314.68	
2160 Engineering Services	15,413,223.00	12,133,002.64		25,213,514.00	16,925,750.36	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	3,200,816.00	3,078,883.92		9,752,135.00	5,040,100.50	
Total	\$ 73,568,993.00	\$ 44,575,617.49	60.59%	\$ 89,983,081.00	\$ 50,116,448.69	55.70%
Cash Balance January 31		\$ 18,735,587.67		\$ 17,545,812.20		

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

ENDOWMENT FUND YEAR-TO-DATE

	<u>Jan-14</u>	<u>Jan-15</u>
Balance January 1	\$ 100,542,476.03	\$ 112,458,491.62
Plus: Revenues from Sales	237,899.10	254,423.00
Return on Investment	368,388.54	475,045.83
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	101,148,763.67	113,187,960.45
Less: Transfers Out	<hr/>	<hr/>
Balance January 31	<u>\$ 101,148,763.67</u>	<u>\$ 113,187,960.45</u>
Market Value	\$ 104,428,775.67	\$ 117,603,833.78

Endowment Fund Interest

<u>Sources of Interest Available</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>Non Expendable</u>	<u>Transferred to Operations</u>	<u>Transferred to Capital Projects</u>
ADULT Licenses	\$ 19,524,687.22	\$ -	\$ -	
INFANT Licenses	-	10,490,914.25		
YOUTH Licenses	-	924,814.26		
Magazine Subscriptions	415,357.89	-	-	
Contributions - General	752,001.28	-		
Contributions - Diversity	699.13			
TOTAL	\$ 20,692,745.52	\$ 11,415,728.51	\$ -	\$ -

2014-15 Budgeted Obligated

Allocation of Endowment Interest - Sportsman Fund	4,718,554.87
Allocation of Endowment Interest - Magazine Fund	184,668.32
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	<u>\$ 4,903,223.19</u>

2014-15 Transferred To Date

To Sportsman Fund	-
To Magazine Fund	-
To Capital Projects	-
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EXHIBIT C

March 5, 2015

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Fishing Regulations for 2015-2016

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
F1	Reformat the structure of 15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters.	85 :Agree 5 :Disagree	13 :Online 77 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F2	Designate approximately 3.6 miles of Lovills Creek in Surry County from the U.S. 52 Business bridge to the Ararat River as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.	78 :Agree 2 :Disagree	7 :Online 73 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F3	Designate approximately 2.2 miles of the Tuckasegee River in Swain County from the U.S. 19 bridge to the Slope Street bridge as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.	83 :Agree 10 :Disagree	16 :Online 77 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F4	Designate approximately 0.6 mile of the Cane River in Yancey County from Blackberry Ridge Road to the downstream boundary of Cane River County Park as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.	74 :Agree 3 :Disagree	7 :Online 70 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F5	Designate 6.0 miles of streams on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters.	73 :Agree 2 :Disagree	9 :Online 66 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F6	Clarify the boundaries of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on South Fork New River at Todd Island Park in Ashe County. The designated reach will be from the upstream end of Todd Island to the S.R. 1351 bridge.	77 :Agree 1 :Disagree	8 :Online 70 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F7	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Stecoah Creek in Graham County, allowing 1.8 miles on game land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the upper Nantahala Game Land boundary to Lake Fontana.	75 :Agree 2 :Disagree	6 :Online 71 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F8	Modify the upper boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on Little River in Alleghany County, removing approximately 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129.	69 :Agree 2 :Disagree	6 :Online 65 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F9	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Laurel Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 7.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1315 bridge to the confluence with the North Fork New River.	64 :Agree 6 :Disagree	7 :Online 63 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F10	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Beaver Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 2.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from N.C. 221 to the South Fork New River.	62 :Agree 3 :Disagree	4 :Online 61 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F11	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Old Fields Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 2.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from N.C. 221 to the South Fork New River.	61 :Agree 4 :Disagree	4 :Online 61 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F12	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Valley River in Cherokee County, removing 3.1 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.5 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1359 to the U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy.	65 :Agree 4 :Disagree	6 :Online 63 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F13	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tusquitee Creek in Clay County, removing 3.2 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.7 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Compass Creek to the lower S.R. 1300 bridge.	62 :Agree 6 :Disagree	4 :Online 64 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F14	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tulula Creek in Graham County, removing 3.1 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 1.0 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1201 to the lower bridge on S.R. 1275.	65 :Agree 4 :Disagree	5 :Online 64 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F15	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge.	70 :Agree 5 :Disagree	10 :Online 65 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
F16	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Scott Creek in Jackson County, removing 3.5 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Dark Ridge Creek to the Tuckasegee River.	63 :Agree 5 :Disagree	4 :Online 64 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F17	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Savannah Creek in Jackson County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.4 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from downstream of S.R. 1300 bridge to Cagle Branch.	62 :Agree 5 :Disagree	4 :Online 63 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F18	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Nantahala River in Macon County, removing 2.4 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek.	68 :Agree 6 :Disagree	9 :Online 65 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F19	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Meadow Fork in Madison County, removing 3.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.2 mile on Pisgah Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1165 to Spring Creek.	62 :Agree 4 :Disagree	4 :Online 62 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F20	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Middle Fork French Broad River in Transylvania County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the upstream U.S. 178 bridge to the French Broad River.	63 :Agree 3 :Disagree	6 :Online 60 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F21	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Meat Camp Creek in Watauga County, removing 1.9 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194.	62 :Agree 4 :Disagree	5 :Online 61 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F22	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Stony Fork in Watauga County, removing 2.4 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to the Wilkes County line	61 :Agree 4 :Disagree	4 :Online 61 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F23	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Broad River in Henderson County, removing 0.1 mile from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the end of S.R. 1611 to the Rutherford County line.	66 :Agree 2 :Disagree	6 :Online 62 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F24	Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Laurel Creek in Watauga County, removing 3.5 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to the Watauga River.	61 :Agree 6 :Disagree	5 :Online 62 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F25	Remove a 0.8 mile section of the unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek on Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.	64 :Agree 3 :Disagree	4 :Online 63 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F26	Remove 2.5 miles of Jones Creek in Avery County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.	65 :Agree 3 :Disagree	4 :Online 64 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F27	Allow night fishing in Wild Trout Waters (including Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters, Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters, and Wild Trout/ Natural Bait Waters) and Public Mountain Trout Waters on game lands.	75 :Agree 11 :Disagree	16 :Online 70 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F28	Allow the harvest of trout in undesignated waters from March 1 until 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April.	77 :Agree 5 :Disagree	14 :Online 68 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F29	Reformat the structure of 15A NCAC 10C .0316(e) Trout.	71 :Agree 0 :Disagree	7 :Online 64 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F30	Remove the 8-inch minimum size limit and the 20-fish daily creel limit for crappie on the South Yadkin River downstream of Cooleemee Dam, Yadkin River downstream from Idols Dam, High Rock Lake, and Tuckertown Lake.	100 :Agree 6 :Disagree	13 :Online 93 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F31	Modify the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass and its hybrids by increasing the minimum size limit from 16 inches to 20 inches and reducing the daily creel limit from eight fish in aggregate allowing two fish to be retained less than 16 inches to four fish with no exception. Reservoirs affected include High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, Blewett Falls Reservoir, Hiwassee Reservoir, and W. Kerr Scott Reservoir.	85 :Agree 17 :Disagree	11 :Online 91 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F32	Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass and its hybrids in Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake by decreasing the daily creel limit from eight fish in aggregate allowing two fish to be retained less than 16 inches to four fish with no exception. The minimum size limit will remain 16 inches.	85 :Agree 9 :Disagree	11 :Online 83 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F33	Clarify that American Eel less than nine inches cannot be taken or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in any inland fishing waters.	83 :Agree 6 :Disagree	7 :Online 82 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
F34	Clarify the definitions of set-hooks, jug-hooks, and trotlines. A set-hook is a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks that is attached at one end only to a stationary object. A jug-hook is a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks that is attached at one end only to a float. A trotline is a fishing device consisting of a horizontal common line having multiple hooks attached. The proposed change will also clarify that set-hooks, jug-hooks, and trotlines without bait or not labeled properly may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement officers.	106 :Agree 4 :Disagree	15 :Online 95 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F35	Add bow nets to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.	87 :Agree 8 :Disagree	7 :Online 88 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
F36	Clarify in 15A NCAC 10C .0407 that the Neuse River is not located in Granville County.	87 :Agree 1 :Disagree	6 :Online 82 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Fishing)		15 :Online 13 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (General)		0 :Online 3 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Fishing Regulations for 2015-2016
by District

Proposal	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	Out of State
O (Fishing)	Position Count: 7 :Other Comment Types: 5 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email 1 :Online	Position Count: 0 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 0 :Online	Position Count: 0 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 0 :Online	Position Count: 1 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 1 :Online	Position Count: 0 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 0 :Online	Position Count: 0 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 0 :Online	Position Count: 1 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 1 :Online	Position Count: 8 :Other Comment Types: 7 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 1 :Online	Position Count: 11 :Other Comment Types: 1 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 10 :Online	Position Count: 1 :Other Comment Types: 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email 1 :Online
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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period
for the 2015-2016 Regulatory Cycle
Division of Inland Fisheries

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letter representing an organization*:

- 1) Requests Bryson City be designated as a Trout City
Town of Bryson City, signed by Tom Sutton, Mayor; Kate Welch, Mayor Pro-Tem; Jim Gribble, Alderman; Janine Crisp, Alderman; Frederick E. (Rick) Bryson, Alderman

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following petition*:

- 1) Requests Bryson City be designated as a Trout City and the proposed Delayed Harvest section of the Tuckasegee River (F3) be recognized as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters
181 signatures

* Complete letter and petition available on SharePoint – WRC Commissioner Portal.
Hard copies available upon request.



EXHIBIT D

March 5, 2015

PROPOSED CHANGES IN INLAND FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR 2015-2016 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- F1) Reformat the structure of 15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 5 – 25)
- F2) Designate approximately 3.6 miles of Lovills Creek in Surry County from the U.S. 52 Business bridge to the Ararat River as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 23)
- F3) Designate approximately 2.2 miles of the Tuckasegee River in Swain County from the U.S. 19 bridge to the Slope Street bridge as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 23)
- F4) Designate approximately 0.6 mile of the Cane River in Yancey County from Blackberry Ridge Road to the downstream boundary of Cane River County Park as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 25)
- F5) Designate 6.0 miles of streams on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10D .0104 Fishing on Game Lands (page 26)
- F6) Clarify the boundaries of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on South Fork New River at Todd Island Park in Ashe County. The designated reach will be from the upstream end of Todd Island to the S.R. 1351 bridge.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 18)
- F7) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Stecoah Creek in Graham County, allowing 1.8 miles on game land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the upper Nantahala Game Land boundary to Lake Fontana.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 20)
- F8) Modify the upper boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on Little River in Alleghany County, removing approximately 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 17)

- F9) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Laurel Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 7.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1315 bridge to the confluence with the North Fork New River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 18)
- F10) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Beaver Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 2.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from N.C. 221 to the South Fork New River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 18)
- F11) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Old Fields Creek in Ashe County, removing approximately 2.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from N.C. 221 to the South Fork New River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 18)
- F12) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Valley River in Cherokee County, removing 3.1 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.5 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1359 to the U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 19)
- F13) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tusquitee Creek in Clay County, removing 3.2 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.7 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Compass Creek to the lower S.R. 1300 bridge.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 20)
- F14) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tulula Creek in Graham County, removing 3.1 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 1.0 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1201 to the lower bridge on S.R. 1275.
5A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 20)
- F15) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 21)
- F16) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Scott Creek in Jackson County, removing 3.5 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Dark Ridge Creek to the Tuckasegee River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 21)
- F17) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Savannah Creek in Jackson County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.4 mile on Nantahala Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from downstream of S.R. 1300 bridge to Cagle Branch.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 21)

- F18) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Nantahala River in Macon County, removing 2.4 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 21)
- F19) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Meadow Fork in Madison County, removing 3.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters and allowing 0.2 mile on Pisgah Game Land to default to Wild Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from S.R. 1165 to Spring Creek.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 21)
- F20) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Middle Fork French Broad River in Transylvania County, removing 1.0 mile of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the upstream U.S. 178 bridge to the French Broad River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 23)
- F21) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Meat Camp Creek in Watauga County, removing 1.9 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 24)
- F22) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Stony Fork in Watauga County, removing 2.4 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to the Wilkes County line.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 24)
- F23) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Broad River in Henderson County, removing 0.1 mile from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the end of S.R. 1611 to the Rutherford County line.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 20)
- F24) Modify the boundaries of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Laurel Creek in Watauga County, removing 3.5 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to the Watauga River.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 24)
- F25) Remove a 0.8 mile section of the unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek on Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 12 and 13)
- F26) Remove 2.5 miles of Jones Creek in Avery County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 12)
- F27) Allow night fishing in Wild Trout Waters (including Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters, Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters, and Wild Trout/ Natural Bait Waters) and Public Mountain Trout Waters on game lands.
15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 16)
15A NCAC 10D .0104 Fishing on Game Lands (page 26)

- F28) Allow the harvest of trout in undesignated waters from March 1 until 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April.
15A NCAC 10C .0316 Trout (page 27)
- F29) Reformat the structure of 15A NCAC 10C .0316(e) Trout.
15A NCAC 10C .0316 Trout (page 27)
- F30) Remove the 8-inch minimum size limit and the 20-fish daily creel limit for crappie on the South Yadkin River downstream of Cooleemee Dam, Yadkin River downstream from Idols Dam, High Rock Lake, and Tuckertown Lake.
15A NCAC 10C .0306 Crappie (page 28)
- F31) Modify the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass and its hybrids by increasing the minimum size limit from 16 inches to 20 inches and reducing the daily creel limit from eight fish in aggregate allowing two fish to be retained less than 16 inches to four fish with no exception. Reservoirs affected include High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, Blewett Falls Reservoir, Hiwassee Reservoir, and W. Kerr Scott Reservoir.
15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass (page 29)
- F32) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass and its hybrids in Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake by decreasing the daily creel limit from eight fish in aggregate allowing two fish to be retained less than 16 inches to four fish with no exception. The minimum size limit will remain 16 inches.
15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass (page 29)
- F33) Clarify that American Eel less than nine inches cannot be taken or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in any inland fishing waters.
15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale (page 30)
15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 32)
- F34) Clarify the definitions of set-hooks, jug-hooks, and trotlines. A set-hook is a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks that is attached at one end only to a stationary object. A jug-hook is a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks that is attached at one end only to a float. A trotline is a fishing device consisting of a horizontal common line having multiple hooks attached. The proposed change will also clarify that set-hooks, jug-hooks, and trotlines without bait or not labeled properly may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement officers.
15A NCAC 10C .0206 Trotlines, Jug Hooks, and Set Hooks (page 34)
- F35) Add bow nets to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.
15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 32)
- F36) Clarify in 15A NCAC 10C .0407 that the Neuse River is not located in Granville County.
15A NCAC 10C .0407 Permitted Special Devices and Open Seasons (page 37)

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

2 ~~(a) Designation of Public Mountain Trout Waters. For the purposes of this Rule, "artificial lure" means a fishing~~
3 ~~lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.~~
4 ~~"Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances~~
5 ~~designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell. The waters listed herein or in 15A NCAC 10D .0104 are~~
6 ~~designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Wild Trout Waters or Hatchery Supported~~
7 ~~Waters. For specific classifications, see Subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Paragraph. These waters are posted~~
8 ~~and lists thereof are filed with the clerks of superior court of the counties in which they are located:~~

9 (1) ~~Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. The listed waters in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1)(A)~~
10 ~~through (Y) are classified as Hatchery Supported Public Mountain Trout Waters. Where specific~~
11 ~~watercourses or impoundments are listed, indentation indicates that the watercourse or~~
12 ~~impoundment listed is tributary to the next preceding watercourse or impoundment listed and not~~
13 ~~so indented. This classification applies to the entire watercourse or impoundment listed except as~~
14 ~~otherwise indicated in parentheses following the listing. Other clarifying information may also be~~
15 ~~included parenthetically. The tributaries of listed watercourses or impoundments are not included~~
16 ~~in the classification unless specifically set out therein.~~

17 (A) ~~Alleghany County:~~

18 ~~— New River (not trout water)~~

19 ~~Little River (Whitehead to McCann Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply~~
20 ~~to portion between Whitehead and a point 275 yards downstream of the~~
21 ~~intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank. See~~
22 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

23 ~~Brush Creek (NC 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where~~
24 ~~posted against trespass)~~

25 ~~Big Pine Creek~~

26 ~~(Big) Glade Creek~~

27 ~~Bledsoe Creek~~

28 ~~Pine Swamp Creek~~

29 ~~South Fork New River (not trout water)~~

30 ~~Prather Creek~~

31 ~~Cranberry Creek~~

32 ~~Piney Fork~~

33 ~~Meadow Fork~~

34 (B) ~~Ashe County:~~

35 ~~— New River (not trout waters)~~

36 ~~North Fork New River (Watauga County line to Sharp Dam)~~

37 ~~Helton Creek (Virginia State line to New River) [Delayed Harvest~~
38 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

39 ~~Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at SR 1363 to confluence with North Fork~~
40 ~~New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to portion between SR~~
41 ~~1324 bridge and North Fork New River. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this~~
42 ~~Rule.]~~

43 ~~Buffalo Creek (SR 1133 bridge to NC 194 88 bridge)~~

44 ~~Big Laurel Creek~~

45 ~~Three Top Creek (portion not on game lands)~~

46 ~~South Fork New River (Todd Island park) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply.~~
47 ~~See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]~~

48 ~~Cranberry Creek (Alleghany County line to South Fork New River)~~

49 ~~Nathans Creek~~

50 ~~Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)~~

51 ~~Trout Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5)~~
52 ~~of this Rule.]~~

53 ~~Roan Creek~~

54 ~~Beaver Creek~~

55 ~~Old Fields Creek~~

56 (C) ~~Avery County:~~

57 ~~— Nolichucky River (not trout waters)~~

1 North Toe River—upper (Watauga Street to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and
2 Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespass)
3 North Toe River—lower (SR 1164 to Mitchell County line, except where posted
4 against trespass)
5 ~~———— Squirrel Creek~~
6 ~~Elk River (SR 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the~~
7 ~~Tennessee State line)~~
8 ~~Wildcat Lake~~
9 ~~Catawba River (not trout water)~~
10 ~~Johns River (not trout water)~~
11 ~~Wilson Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2)~~
12 ~~of this Rule.]~~
13 ~~Lost Cove Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see~~
14 ~~Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]~~
15 ~~Buck Timber Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph~~
16 ~~(a)(2) of this Rule.]~~
17 ~~Cary Flat Branch [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2)~~
18 ~~of this Rule.]~~
19 ~~Boyde Coffey Lake~~
20 ~~———— Linville River [Land Harbor line (below dam) to Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,~~
21 ~~except where posted against trespass]~~
22 ~~Milltimber Creek~~
23 (D) ~~———— Buncombe County:~~
24 ~~———— French Broad River (not trout water)~~
25 ~~Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to US 19 23 bridge)~~
26 ~~Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)~~
27 ~~Stony Creek~~
28 ~~Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)~~
29 ~~———— Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to US 19 23 bridge, except where posted against~~
30 ~~trespass)~~
31 ~~Swannanoa River (SR 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue Bridge,~~
32 ~~intersection of NC 81W and US 74A in Asheville, except where posted against~~
33 ~~trespass)~~
34 ~~Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)~~
35 ~~———— Lake Powhatan~~
36 ~~Rich Branch (downstream from confluence with Rocky Branch)~~
37 ~~Cane Creek (headwaters to SR 3138 bridge)~~
38 (E) ~~———— Burke County:~~
39 ~~———— Catawba River (Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam) [Special~~
40 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(7) of this Rule.]~~
41 ~~South Fork Catawba River (not trout water)~~
42 ~~Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to SR 1919~~
43 ~~at Ivy Creek)~~
44 ~~Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountain State Park~~
45 ~~boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
46 ~~(a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
47 ~~Johns River (not trout water)~~
48 ~~———— Parks Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)~~
49 ~~———— Carroll Creek (game lands portion above SR 1405)~~
50 ~~Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, and portion~~
51 ~~below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on SR 1223 to Muddy~~
52 ~~Creek)~~
53 (F) ~~———— Caldwell County:~~
54 ~~———— Catawba River (not trout water)~~
55 ~~Johns River (not trout water)~~
56 ~~Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to~~
57 ~~Brown Mountain Beach dam, except where posted against trespass)~~

1 (Rocky) Broad River (Rocky River Lane to Rutherford County line)
2 Green River (Lake Summit Powerhouse to game land boundary)
3 —(Big) Hungry River (SR 1885 to Green River)
4 —French Broad River (not trout water)
5 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of SR 1551 to US 25 bridge)
6 Mud Creek (not trout water)
7 —Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to SR 1582)
8 Mills River (not trout water)
9 North Fork Mills River (Hendersonville watershed to the lower game land
10 boundary). [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of
11 this Rule.]
12 (L) — Jackson County:
13 Tuckasegee River (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to SR 1534 bridge
14 at Wilmot) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between the
15 downstream NC 107 bridge and the falls located 275 yards upstream of US 23 441
16 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
17 Scott Creek (entire stream, except where posted against trespass)
18 —Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scotts Creek)
19 Savannah Creek (Headwaters to Bradley's Packing House on NC 116)
20 —Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on SR 1730 to Savannah Creek)
21 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
22 Cedar Cliff Lake
23 Bear Creek Lake
24 Wolf Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this
25 Rule.]
26 —Wolf Creek Lake
27 —Balsam Lake
28 Tanasee Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this
29 Rule.]
30 —Tanasee Creek Lake
31 (M) — Macon County:
32 —Little Tennessee River (not trout water)
33 Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Swain County line) [Delayed Harvest
34 Regulations apply to the portion from Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala
35 hydropower discharge canal. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
36 Queens Creek Lake
37 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
38 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to US 64 bridge near junction of SR 1672)
39 —Cliffside Lake
40 —Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream US 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
41 (N) — Madison County:
42 —French Broad River (not trout water)
43 Shut in Creek
44 West Fork Shut in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East
45 Fork Shut in Creek)
46 Spring Creek —upper (junction of NC 209 and NC 63 to US Forest Service road
47 223)
48 Spring Creek —lower (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at
49 end of Andrews Avenue) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See
50 Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
51 —Meadow Fork Creek
52 —Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
53 —Max Patch Pond
54 Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill Watershed boundary to the SR 1318 bridge, also
55 known as Big Laurel Road bridge, downstream of Bearpen Branch)
56 Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to US 25 70 bridge) [Delayed Harvest
57 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

- 1 —Spillecorn Creek
2 —Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to NC 208
3 bridge at Belva)
4 Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big
5 Laurel Creek) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph
6 (a)(5) of this Rule.]
7 —Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)
8 Big Pine Creek (SR 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
9 Ivy Creek (not trout waters)
10 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to
11 confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
- (O) —McDowell County:
12 —Catawba River — upper (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
13 —Catawba River — lower (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway) [Delayed Harvest
14 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
15 Buck Creek (portion not on game lands, not trout water)
16 —Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
17 —Curtis Creek game lands portion downstream of US Forest Service boundary at
18 Deep Branch. [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of
19 this Rule.]
20 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to SR 1569 bridge)
21 —Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
22 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to I 40 bridge, except where posted against
23 trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between US 70
24 bridge and I 40 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (P) —Mitchell County:
25 —Nolichucky River (not trout water)
26 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to NC 226 bridge at SR 1307 intersection)
27 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek Bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where
28 posted against trespass)
29 Cane Creek (SR 1219 to SR 1189 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply
30 to that portion from NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5)
31 of this Rule.]
32 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
33 —East Fork Grassy Creek
34 North Toe River (Avery County line to SR 1121 bridge)
35 North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge) [Delayed Harvest
36 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (Q) —Polk County:
37 —Broad River (not trout water)
38 North Paolet River (Joels Creek to NC 108 bridge)
39 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the natural gas pipeline crossing)
40 [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Fishtop Falls Access
41 Area to Cove Creek. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (R) —Rutherford County:
42 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson County line to US 64/74 bridge, except where
43 posted against trespass)
- (S) —Stokes County:
44 —Dan River (Virginia State line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of SR
45 1421)
- (T) —Surry County:
46 —Yadkin River (not trout water)
47 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of NC 268 bridge to a point 265 yards
48 downstream of NC 268 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)
49 Ararat River (SR 1727 bridge downstream to the NC 103 bridge)
50 Araat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations
51 apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

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- (X) ~~Wilkes County:~~
 - ~~—Yadkin River (not trout water)~~
 - ~~Roaring River (not trout water)~~
 - ~~East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
 - ~~East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to Brewer's Mill on SR 1943)~~
 - ~~Stone Mountain Creek [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
 - ~~Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1736)~~
 - ~~—Bell Branch Pond~~
 - ~~—Boundary Line Pond~~
 - ~~West Prong Roaring River (not trout waters)~~
 - ~~—Pike Creek~~
 - ~~—Pike Creek Pond~~
 - ~~Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of SR 2460 bridge to SR 1001 bridge)~~
 - ~~Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
 - ~~—Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on SR 1580)~~
 - ~~South Fork Reddies River (SR 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)~~
 - ~~North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on SR 1559)~~
 - ~~Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on SR 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)~~
 - ~~—Lewis Fork Creek (not trout water)~~
 - ~~South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to SR 1155 bridge)~~
 - ~~—Fall Creek (SR 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork except portions posted against trespass)~~
 - ~~Elk Creek—upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain Club) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
 - ~~Elk Creek—lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- (Y) ~~Yancey County:~~
 - ~~—Nolichucky River (not trout water)~~
 - ~~Cane River [Bee Branch (SR 1110) to Bowlens Creek]~~
 - ~~Bald Mountain Creek (except portions posted against trespass)~~
 - ~~—Indian Creek (not trout water)~~
 - ~~—Price Creek (junction of SR 1120 and SR 1121 to Indian Creek)~~
 - ~~North Toe River (not trout water)~~
 - ~~South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey County recreation park except where posted against trespass)~~
- (2) ~~Wild Trout Waters. All waters designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of 15A NCAC 10D .0104, are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. The trout waters listed in this Subparagraph are also classified as Wild Trout Waters.~~
- (A) ~~Alleghany County:~~
 - ~~—Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
 - ~~—Stone Mountain Creek (that portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- (B) ~~Ashe County:~~
 - ~~—Big Horse Creek (Virginia State Line to Mud Creek at SR 1363) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~

- 1 — ~~Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game~~
2 ~~Land) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
3 ~~(a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
- 4 (C) — Avery County:
5 Birchfield Creek (entire stream)
6 Cow Camp Creek (entire stream)
7 Cranberry Creek (headwaters to US 19E/NC 194 bridge)
8 Elk River (portion on Lees McRae College property, excluding the millpond) [Catch and
9 Release/Artificial Flies Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this
10 Rule.]
11 Gragg Prong (entire stream)
12 Horse Creek (entire stream)
13 ~~Jones Creek (entire stream)~~
14 Kentucky Creek (entire stream)
15 North Harper Creek (entire stream)
16 Plumtree Creek (entire stream)
17 Roaring Creek (entire stream)
18 Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)
19 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)
20 South Harper Creek (entire stream)
21 Webb Prong (entire stream)
22 Wilson Creek [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See
23 Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- 24 (D) — Buncombe County:
25 — ~~Carter Creek (game land portion) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures only Regulations~~
26 ~~apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
- 27 (E) — Burke County:
28 — ~~All waters located on South Mountain State Park, except Clear Creek Reservoir, the main~~
29 ~~stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinnny Creek and the lower park~~
30 ~~boundary where Delayed Harvest Regulations apply, and Henry Fork and tributaries~~
31 ~~where Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See~~
32 ~~Subparagraphs (a)(3) and (a)(5) of this Rule.~~
33 — ~~Nettle Branch (game land portion)~~
- 34 (F) — Caldwell County:
35 — ~~Buffalo Creek (Watauga County line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game~~
36 ~~lands)~~
37 — ~~Joes Creek (Watauga County line to first falls upstream of the end of SR 1574)~~
38 — ~~Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)~~
- 39 (G) — Cherokee County:
40 — ~~Bald Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters~~
41 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
42 — ~~Doekery Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait~~
43 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
44 — ~~North Shoal Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait~~
45 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 46 (H) — Graham County:
47 — ~~Franks Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See~~
48 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
49 — ~~Little Buffalo Creek (entire stream)~~
50 — ~~South Fork Squally Creek (entire stream)~~
51 — ~~Squally Creek (entire stream)~~
- 52 (I) — Haywood County
53 — ~~Hemphill Creek [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
54 ~~(a)(6) of the Rule.]~~
55 — ~~Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands) [Wild Trout/Natural~~
56 ~~Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 57 (J) — Jackson County:

- 1 ~~Buff Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See~~
2 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
3 ~~— Gage Creek (entire stream)~~
4 ~~— North Fork Scott Creek (entire stream)~~
5 ~~— Tanasee Creek (entire stream)~~
6 ~~— Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)~~
7 ~~— Wolf Creek (entire stream, except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)~~
8 (K) ~~— Madison County:~~
9 ~~— Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries) [Wild~~
10 ~~Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
11 (L) ~~— Mitchell County:~~
12 ~~— Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, except where posted against trespass)~~
13 ~~— Little Rock Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, including all tributaries, except~~
14 ~~where posted against trespass)~~
15 ~~— Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)~~
16 (M) ~~— Transylvania County:~~
17 ~~— All waters located on Gorges State Park~~
18 ~~— Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)~~
19 (N) ~~— Watauga County:~~
20 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and~~
21 ~~Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3)~~
22 ~~of this Rule.]~~
23 ~~— Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1134)~~
24 ~~— Howard Creek (entire stream)~~
25 ~~— Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain~~
26 ~~developments, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout~~
27 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
28 ~~— Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)~~
29 ~~— North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe County~~
30 ~~line)~~
31 ~~— Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Road bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to~~
32 ~~Coffee Lake) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations Apply.~~
33 ~~See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
34 ~~— Watauga River (Avery County line to SR 1580 bridge)~~
35 ~~— Winkler Creek (lower bridge on SR 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)~~
36 (O) ~~— Wilkes County:~~
37 ~~— Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
38 ~~— Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and~~
39 ~~Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3)~~
40 ~~of this Rule.]~~
41 ~~— Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
42 ~~— Harris Creek and tributaries (portions on Stone Mountain State Park) [Catch and Release~~
43 ~~Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]~~
44 ~~— Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
45 (P) ~~— Yancey County:~~
46 ~~— Cattail Creek (Bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road (Private) to NC 197 bridge)~~
47 ~~— Licksillet Creek (entire stream)~~
48 ~~— Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)~~
49 (3) ~~— Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout~~
50 ~~waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as~~
51 ~~Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only waters. Only artificial lures having one single hook may~~
52 ~~be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:~~
53 (A) ~~— Ashe County:~~
54 ~~— Big Horse Creek (Virginia State line to Mud Creek at SR 1363 excluding tributaries)~~
55 ~~— Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game~~
56 ~~Lands)~~
57 (B) ~~— Avery County:~~

- 1 ~~_____ Wilson Creek (game land portion)~~
2 (C) ~~_____ Buncombe County:~~
3 ~~_____ Carter Creek (game land portion)~~
4 (D) ~~_____ Burke County:~~
5 ~~_____ Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)~~
6 (E) ~~_____ Jackson County:~~
7 ~~_____ Flat Creek~~
8 ~~_____ Tuckasegee River (upstream of Clarke property)~~
9 (F) ~~_____ McDowell County:~~
10 ~~_____ Newberry Creek (game land portion)~~
11 (G) ~~_____ Watauga County:~~
12 ~~_____ Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)~~
13 ~~_____ Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain~~
14 ~~developments, including tributaries)~~
15 ~~_____ Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee~~
16 ~~Lake)~~
17 (H) ~~_____ Wilkes County:~~
18 ~~_____ Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)~~
19 (4) ~~_____ Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout~~
20 ~~waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as~~
21 ~~Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only waters. Only artificial flies having one single hook may~~
22 ~~be used. Harvest or possession of trout while fishing these streams is prohibited:~~
23 (A) ~~_____ Avery County:~~
24 ~~_____ Elk River (portion on Lees McRae College property, excluding the millpond)~~
25 ~~_____ Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)~~
26 (B) ~~_____ Transylvania County:~~
27 ~~_____ Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass~~
28 ~~Creek~~
29 ~~_____ and Grogan Creek)~~
30 (C) ~~_____ Yancey County:~~
31 ~~_____ South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek, including tributaries)~~
32 ~~_____ Upper Creek (entire stream)~~
33 (5) ~~_____ Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. Those portions of designated Hatchery Supported Trout Waters as~~
34 ~~listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Delayed~~
35 ~~Harvest Waters. Between 1 October and one half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first~~
36 ~~Saturday of the following June, inclusive, it is unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a~~
37 ~~single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout while fishing these waters. These~~
38 ~~waters are closed to fishing between one half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first~~
39 ~~Saturday in June and 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June. At 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in~~
40 ~~June these waters are open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for youth anglers~~
41 ~~only. Youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age. At 12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday in~~
42 ~~June these streams open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for all anglers:~~
43 (A) ~~_____ Alleghany County:~~
44 ~~_____ Little River (Whitehead to a point 275 yards downstream of the intersection of SR 1128~~
45 ~~and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank)~~
46 (B) ~~_____ Ashe County:~~
47 ~~_____ Trout Lake~~
48 ~~_____ Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)~~
49 ~~_____ South Fork New River (Todd Island Park)~~
50 ~~_____ Big Horse Creek (SR 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)~~
51 (C) ~~_____ Burke County:~~
52 ~~_____ Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)~~
53 (D) ~~_____ Caldwell County:~~
54 ~~_____ Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch)~~
55 (E) ~~_____ Clay County:~~
56 ~~_____ Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek~~
57 ~~Picnic Area)~~

- 1 (F) — Graham County:
2 — (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579)
- 3 (G) — Haywood County:
4 — West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake
5 Logan)
- 6 (H) — Henderson County:
7 — North Fork Mills River (Hendersonville watershed to the lower game land boundary)
- 8 (I) — Jackson County:
9 — Tuckasegee River (downstream NC 107 bridge falls located 275 yards upstream of the
10 US 23 441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)
- 11 (J) — Macon County:
12 — Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- 13 (K) — Madison County:
14 — Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to the US 25 70 bridge)
15 — Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
16 — Spring Creek (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews
17 Avenue)
- 18 (L) — McDowell County:
19 — Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
20 — Curtis Creek (game lands portion downstream of U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep
21 Branch)
22 — Mill Creek (US 70 bridge to I 40 bridge)
- 23 (M) — Mitchell County:
24 — Cane Creek (NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge)
25 — North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge)
- 26 (N) — Polk County:
27 — Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to confluence with Cove Creek)
- 28 (O) — Surry County:
29 — Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below
30 Kapps Mill Dam)
31 — Ararat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge)
- 32 (P) — Transylvania County:
33 — East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)
34 — Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- 35 (Q) — Watauga County:
36 — Watauga River upper (SR 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)
37 — Watauga River lower (SR 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)
38 — Coffee Lake
- 39 (R) — Wilkes County:
40 — East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State
41 Park lower boundary)
42 — Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny County line to confluence with East
43 Prong)
44 — Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park)
45 — Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin
46 River)
47 — Elk Creek — upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain
48 Club)
49 — Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
- 50 (6) — Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters. Those portions of designated Wild Trout Waters as listed in this
51 Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Wild Trout/Natural
52 Bait Waters. All artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, are allowed provided they are
53 fished using only one single hook. The creel limit, size limit, and open season are the same as
54 other Wild Trout Waters [see 15A NCAC 10C .0316(b)]:
- 55 (A) — Cherokee County:
56 — Bald Creek (game land portions)
57 — Doekery Creek (game land portions)

- 1 ——— North Shoal Creek (game land portions)
2 (B) ——— Graham County:
3 ——— Deep Creek
4 ——— Long Creek (game land portion)
5 ——— Franks Creek
6 (C) ——— Haywood County:
7 ——— Hemphill Creek (including tributaries)
8 ——— Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)
9 (D) ——— Jackson County:
10 ——— Buff Creek
11 ——— Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
12 ——— (lower) Fowler Creek (game land portion)
13 ——— Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
14 (E) ——— Macon County:
15 ——— Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
16 ——— Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
17 ——— Kimsey Creek
18 ——— Overflow Creek (game land portion)
19 ——— Park Creek
20 ——— Tellico Creek (game land portion)
21 ——— Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
22 (F) ——— Madison County:
23 ——— Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)
24 (G) ——— Transylvania County:
25 ——— North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of SR 1326)
26 ——— Thompson River (SR 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against
27 trespass, including portions of tributaries within this section located on game lands)
28 (7) ——— Special Regulation Trout Waters. Those portions of Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters as
29 listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries as noted, are further classified as Special
30 Regulation Trout Waters. Regulations specific to each water are defined below:
31 ——— Burke County
32 ——— Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam).
33 Regulation: The daily creel limit is 7 trout and only one of which may be greater than 14
34 inches in length. There are no bait restrictions and no closed season.
35 (b) Fishing in Trout Waters
36 (1) ——— Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. It is unlawful to take fish of any kind by any manner from
37 designated public mountain trout waters during the closed seasons for trout fishing. The seasons,
38 size limits, creel limits, and possession limits apply in all waters, whether designated or not, as
39 public mountain trout waters. Except in power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs so
40 designated, it is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters with more than one
41 line. Night fishing is not allowed in most hatchery supported trout waters on game lands [see 15A
42 NCAC 10D .0104(b)(1)].
43 (2) ——— Wild Trout Waters. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraphs (a)(3), (a)(4), and (a)(6) of
44 this Rule, the following rules apply to fishing in wild trout waters.
45 (A) ——— Open Season. There is a year round open season for the licensed taking of trout.
46 (B) ——— Creel Limit. The daily creel limit is four trout.
47 (C) ——— Size Limit. The minimum size limit is seven inches.
48 (D) ——— Manner of Taking. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No
49 person shall possess natural bait while fishing wild trout waters except those waters listed
50 in Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.
51 (E) ——— Night Fishing. Fishing on wild trout waters is not allowed between one half hour after
52 sunset and one half hour before sunrise.
53 (a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:
54 (1) ——— “Natural bait” means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared
55 substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.
56 (2) ——— “Artificial lure” means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance
57 that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.

1 (3) “Youth anglers” are individuals under 16 years of age.

2 (b) For purposes of this Rule, 15A NCAC 10C .0316, and 15A NCAC 10D .0104, the following classifications
3 apply:

4 (1) “Public Mountain Trout Waters ” are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A
5 NCAC 10D .0104.

6 (2) “Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where
7 only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested
8 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

9 (3) “Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where
10 only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested
11 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

12 (4) “Delayed Harvest Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and
13 one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June it is
14 unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or
15 possess trout while fishing. From 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day
16 only youth anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the
17 first Saturday in June until October 1 anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or
18 lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

19 (5) “Hatchery Supported Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters which have no bait or lure
20 restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

21 (6) “Special Regulation Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific
22 regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

23 (7) “Wild Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule
24 or 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only single hook may be used. No person
25 shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not include
26 tributaries unless otherwise noted.

27 (8) “Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and
28 natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook.
29 Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

30 (9) “Undesignated Waters” are all other waters in the state. These waters have no bait or lure
31 restrictions.

32 (c) Seasons, creel and size limits. Seasons, creel and size limits for trout in all waters are listed in 15A NCAC 10C
33 .0316.

34 (d) Classifications. This paragraph designates waters in each county that have a specific classification. Waters on
35 game lands are so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104, unless otherwise indicated in this Paragraph. All other
36 waters are classified as Undesignated Waters.

37 (1) Alleghany

38 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

39 Little River (S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128
40 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank])

41 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

42 Big Pine Creek

43 Bledsoe Creek

44 Brush Creek (N.C. 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where posted against
45 trespassing)

46 Cranberry Creek

47 (Big) Glade Creek

48 Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129
49 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)

50 Meadow Fork

51 Pine Swamp Creek

52 Piney Fork

53 Prathers Creek

54 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

55 Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

56 Stone Mountain Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

57 (2) Ashe County

- 1 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
2 Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)
3 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
4 Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
5 Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)
6 South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the S.R. 1351 bridge)
7 Trout Lake
8 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
9 Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
10 Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)
11 Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)
12 Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)
13 Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
14 Nathans Creek
15 North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
16 Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
17 Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
18 Roan Creek
19 Three Top Creek (except game land portion)
20 (3) Avery County
21 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
22 Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
23 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
24 (B) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
25 Wilson Creek (game land portion)
26 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
27 Boyde Coffey Lake
28 Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state
29 line)
30 Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,
31 except where posted against trespassing)
32 Milltimber Creek
33 North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family
34 Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)
35 North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against
36 trespassing)
37 Squirrel Creek
38 Wildcat Lake
39 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
40 Birchfield Creek
41 Cow Camp Creek
42 Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)
43 Gragg Prong
44 Horse Creek
45 Kentucky Creek
46 North Harper Creek
47 Plumtree Creek
48 Roaring Creek
49 Rockhouse Creek
50 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)
51 South Harper Creek
52 Webb Prong
53 (4) Buncombe County
54 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
55 Carter Creek (game land portion)
56 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
57 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)

- 1 Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
2 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)
3 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
4 Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)
5 Lake Powhatan
6 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against
7 trespassing)
8 Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)
9 Stony Creek
10 Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of
11 N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)
- 12 (5) Burke County
13 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
14 Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)
15 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
16 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)
17 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
18 Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)
19 Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy
20 Creek)
21 Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake
22 James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)
23 (D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
24 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)
25 (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
26 All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in parts
27 A and B of this Subparagraph
- 28 (6) Caldwell County
29 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
30 Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)
31 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
32 Boone Fork Pond
33 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
34 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
35 Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted
36 against trespassing)
37 Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)
38 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
39 Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)
40 Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
41 Rockhouse Creek
- 42 (7) Cherokee County
43 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
44 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
45 Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
46 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
47 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
48 Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)
49 (B) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
50 Bald Creek (game land portion)
51 Dockery Creek (game land portion)
52 North Shoal Creek (game land portion)
- 53 (8) Clay County
54 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
55 Fires Creek (USFS Rd. 340A to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
56 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
57 Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)

- 1 Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)
2 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
3 (9) Graham County
4 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
5 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
6 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
7 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
8 Cheoah Reservoir
9 Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
10 Santeelah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeelah)
11 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)
12 Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)
13 Tulula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
14 West Buffalo Creek
15 Yellow Creek (Lake Santeelah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
16 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
17 Little Buffalo Creek
18 South Fork Squally Creek
19 Squally Creek
20 (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
21 Deep Creek
22 Franks Creek
23 Long Creek (game land portion)
24 (10) Haywood County
25 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
26 West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake
27 Logan)
28 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
29 Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
30 Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against
31 trespassing)
32 Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
33 Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)
34 West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands,
35 except Middle Prong)
36 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
37 Hemphill Creek
38 Hurricane Creek
39 (11) Henderson County
40 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
41 North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
42 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
43 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford Co. line)
44 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
45 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)
46 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)
47 (Big) Hungry River
48 (12) Jackson County
49 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
50 Flat Creek
51 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)
52 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
53 Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream
54 of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
55 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
56 Balsam Lake
57 Bear Creek Lake

- 1 Cedar Cliff Lake
2 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
3 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
4 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1730 to Savannah Creek)
5 Savannah Creek (downstream of S.R. 1300 bridge to Cagle Branch)
6 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against
7 trespassing)
8 Tanasee Creek Lake
9 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)
10 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge
11 [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
12 Wolf Creek Lake
13 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
14 Gage Creek
15 North Fork Scott Creek
16 Tanasee Creek
17 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
18 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
19 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
20 Buff Creek
21 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)
22 Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)
23 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
24 (13) Macon County
25 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
26 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
27 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
28 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
29 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
30 Cliffside Lake
31 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
32 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)
33 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)
34 Queens Creek Lake
35 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
36 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
37 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
38 Kimsey Creek
39 Overflow Creek (game land portion)
40 Park Creek
41 Tellico Creek (game land portion)
42 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
43 (14) Madison County
44 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
45 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)
46 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
47 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews
48 Ave.)
49 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
50 Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.]
51 bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)
52 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
53 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence
54 with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
55 Max Patch Pond
56 Meadow Fork Creek (S.R. 1165 to Spring Creek)
57 Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)

- 1 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
2 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at
3 Belva)
4 Shut-in Creek
5 Spillcorn Creek
6 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to USFS Rd. 223)
7 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-
8 in Creek)
9 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
10 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)
11 (15) McDowell County
12 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
13 Newberry Creek (game land portion)
14 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
15 Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
16 Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)
17 Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)
18 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
19 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
20 Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
21 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
22 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against
23 trespassing)
24 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
25 (16) Mitchell County
26 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
27 Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)
28 North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)
29 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
30 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
31 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
32 East Fork Grassy Creek
33 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
34 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against
35 trespassing)
36 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)
37 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
38 Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against
39 trespassing)
40 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where
41 posted against trespassing)
42 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
43 (17) Polk County
44 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
45 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)
46 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
47 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)
48 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
49 (18) Rutherford County
50 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
51 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted
52 against trespassing)
53 (19) Stokes County
54 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
55 Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R.
56 1421)
57 (20) Surry County

- 1 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
2 Ararat River (N.C. 103 bridge to U.S. 52 bridge)
3 Mitchell River (.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below
4 Karps Mill Dam)
- 5 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
6 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)
7 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards
8 downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])
9 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)
10 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
11 Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)
12 Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- 13 (21) Swain County
- 14 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
15 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)
16 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
17 Cheoah Reservoir
18 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
19 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
20 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- 21 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
22 Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)
- 23 (22) Transylvania County
- 24 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
25 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass
26 Creek and Grogan Creek)
- 27 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
28 East Fork French Broad River (Gladly Fork to French Broad River)
29 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- 30 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
31 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)
32 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork)
33 French Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area
34 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)
35 West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork
36 French Broad River)
- 37 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
38 All waters located on Gorges State Park
39 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- 40 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
41 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)
42 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against
43 trespassing)
- 44 (23) Watauga County
- 45 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
46 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club)
47 Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain
48 Development)
49 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to
50 Coffee Lake)
- 51 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
52 Coffee Lake
53 Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge
54 and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)
- 55 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
56 Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an
57 unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)

- 1 Beech Creek
2 Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
3 Buckeye Creek Reservoir
4 Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1233 bridge at Amantha)
5 Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
6 Elk Creek (S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes Co. line, except where posted against
7 trespassing)
8 Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)
9 Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)
10 Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola dam to South Fork New River)
11 Norris Fork Creek
12 South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to lower
13 boundary of Brookshire Park)
14 Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)
15 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
16 Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
17 Howard Creek
18 Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
19 North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co.
20 line)
21 Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
22 Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
23 (24) Wilkes County
24 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
25 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain club)
26 Harris Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
27 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
28 East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park
29 lower boundary)
30 Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain
31 Club)
32 Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
33 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the
34 Yadkin River)
35 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny Co. line to confluence with East Prong
36 Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
37 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
38 Bell Branch Pond
39 Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
40 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence
41 with North Fork Reddies River)
42 Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where
43 posted against trespassing)
44 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
45 Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1736)
46 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R.
47 1559)
48 Pike Creek
49 Pike Creek Pond
50 South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies
51 River)
52 South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to S.R. 1155 bridge)
53 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
54 Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
55 Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
56 Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
57 (25) Yancey County

- 1 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
2 South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)
3 Upper Creek
4 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
5 Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)
6 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
7 Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
8 Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)
9 Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)
10 South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. recreation park,
11 except where posted against trespassing)
12 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
13 Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 187 bridge)
14 Lickskillet Creek
15 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
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28 *2003);*
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS**

2 (a) Generally. Except as otherwise indicated herein, fishing on game lands which are open to fishing shall be in
3 accordance with the statewide rules. All game lands are open to public fishing except restocked ponds when posted
4 against fishing, Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Grogan Creek in Transylvania County, and in the case of
5 private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by the owners thereof. No trotline or set-hook or any net, trap, gig,
6 bow and arrow, or other special fishing device of a type mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b),(c),(d), and (f) may
7 be used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. Bow and arrow may be used to take nongame
8 fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those waters mentioned in 15A
9 NCAC 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) in designated waterfowl
10 impoundments located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and the
11 daily possession limit is 50 per person and 100 per vessel.

12 (b) Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters

13 ~~(1) Fishing Hours. It is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters on any game land
14 and in all waters on the Dupont State Forest Game Land from one-half hour after sunset to one-
15 half hour before sunrise, except in Hatchery Supported Trout waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C
16 .0305(a), Delayed Harvest waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(a)(5), game lands sections of
17 the Nantahala River located downstream from the Swain County line, and in the sections of Green
18 River in Polk County located on Green River Game Lands from Cove Creek downstream to the
19 natural gas pipeline crossing.~~

20 ~~(2)~~(1) Location. All waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public
21 mountain trout waters except Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from
22 the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir
23 to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond, Cheoah River downstream of
24 Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the
25 Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, Fawn Lake,
26 North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Green River
27 downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road
28 223.

29 Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

30 Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.

31 Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon,
32 Swain, and Transylvania counties.

33 Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood,
34 Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

35 Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County.

36 Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County.

37 South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

38 Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.

39 Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties.

40 Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.

41 ~~(2)~~(2) All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph
42 ~~(b)(2) (b)(1)~~ of this Rule are wild trout waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C
43 .0205(d) (a)(1)].

44 (c) Ponds. In all game lands ponds, it is unlawful to take channel, white or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by
45 means other than hook and line and the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate.

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47 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305;
48 Eff. February 1, 1976;
49 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;
50 July 1, 1992;
51 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;
52 Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);
53 Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
54 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004.
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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0316 TROUT**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for trout in Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit
3 for these fish. The open season is from 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until March 1, except for waters
4 designated in Paragraphs (d) and (g) of this Rule.

5 (b) The daily creel limit for trout in Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout/Natural Bait Trout Waters is four fish. The
6 minimum size limit for these fish is seven inches. There is no closed season.

7 (c) No trout may be harvested from Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters or Catch and
8 Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters.

9 (d) The daily creel limit for trout in Delayed Harvest Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for
10 these fish. The Youth-only Delayed Harvest Trout Water Season is from 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until
11 12 p.m. that same day. During this season only individuals under the age of 16 may fish. From 12 p.m. on the first
12 Saturday in June until September 30, the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Season is open for all anglers. From
13 October 1 to one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June, trout may not be harvested or
14 possessed while fishing these waters. Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are closed to all fishing from one-half hour
15 after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June to 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June.

16 (e) The daily creel ~~limit~~ limits, size limits, and seasons for trout in Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
17 ~~is seven fish.~~ in the Catawba River (Burke County) from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam
18 the daily creel limit is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, but only one may be greater than 14
19 inches. There is no closed season.

20 (f) The daily creel limit for trout in undesignated trout waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for
21 these fish. ~~Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters from March 1 until 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in~~
22 ~~April, except waters designated in Paragraph (g) of this Rule.~~

23 (g) There is no closed season on taking trout from Linville River within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and the
24 impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for
25 fishing.

26 (h) In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters the season for taking all species of fish is the same as the trout
27 fishing season.

28 (i) All trout water designations and manners of take are set forth in 15A NCAC 10C .0205.

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*
31 *Eff. November 1, 2013.*
32 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0306 CRAPPIE**

2 (a) There is no daily creel limit for Crappie, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule.
3 There is no minimum size limit for these fish, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (c) and (d). There is no
4 closed season.

5 (b) In Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties the daily creel limit is 20 fish.

6 (c) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is 10 inches:

- 7 (1) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir,
- 8 (2) Roanoke River and its tributaries downstream of Roanoke Rapids dam,
- 9 (3) Cashie River and its tributaries,
- 10 (4) Middle River and its tributaries, and
- 11 (5) Eastmost River and its tributaries.

12 (d) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is eight inches:

- 13 ~~(1) South Yadkin River downstream of Cooleemee Dam;~~
- 14 ~~(2) Yadkin River downstream from Idols Dam;~~
- 15 ~~(3)(1) Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line;~~
- 16 ~~(4) High Rock Lake;~~
- 17 ~~(5) Tuckertown Lake;~~
- 18 ~~(6)(2) Badin Lake;~~
- 19 ~~(7)(3) Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties);~~
- 20 ~~(8)(4) Lake Tillery;~~
- 21 ~~(9)(5) Blewett Falls Lake;~~
- 22 ~~(10)(6) Lake Norman;~~
- 23 ~~(11)(7) Lake Hyco;~~
- 24 ~~(12)(8) Lake Ramseur;~~
- 25 ~~(13)(9) Cane Creek Lake;~~
- 26 ~~(14)(10) Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam;~~
- 27 ~~(15)(11) Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam;~~
- 28 ~~(16)(12) Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake Dam;~~
- 29 ~~(17)(13) Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam;~~
- 30 ~~(18)(14) Cape Fear River;~~
- 31 ~~(19)(15) Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam;~~
- 32 ~~(20)(16) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;~~
- 33 ~~(21)(17) all other public fishing waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir in Nash County,~~
34 ~~Sutton Lake in New Hanover County, and waters listed in Paragraph (c) of this Rule; and~~
- 35 ~~(22)(18) all public waters west of Interstate 77.~~

36 For waters in Subparagraphs (10) ~~(14)~~ through (18), ~~(22)~~, the restrictions apply to all tributaries.

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38 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*
39 *Eff. November 1, 2013.*
40 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015*
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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is ~~four~~ eight fish in the aggregate, except in waters
3 identified in Paragraphs (b), ~~(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j)~~ of this Rule. ~~The~~ There is no minimum size
4 limit for these ~~fish is 20 inches, fish, but only two of them may be less than 16 inches,~~ except in waters identified in
5 Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters
6 identified in Paragraphs ~~(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) (j), and (k)~~ of this Rule.

7 (b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA
8 and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the
9 minimum size limit is 24 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily
10 creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

11 ~~(c) In the Cape Fear River upstream of Buckhorn Dam, the Deep River to the first impoundment, the Haw River to
12 the first impoundment, B. Everett Jordan Reservoir, Lake Rhodhiss, Lake Hickory, and Lookout Shoals Reservoir,
13 the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches.~~

14 ~~(c)(d) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its
15 hybrids is four in the aggregate. The the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids these fish is 20 inches
16 from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.~~

17 ~~(d)(e) In Lake Norman, Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island
18 Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the daily creel limit on Striped
19 Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids these fish is
20 16 inches.~~

21 ~~(e)(f) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam
22 to the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit is three fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18
23 inches.~~

24 ~~(f)(g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream
25 to the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east
26 of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (c), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for
27 Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 18 inches but no Striped Bass or
28 hybrids between the lengths of 22 inches and 27 inches shall be possessed. In these waters, the season for taking and
29 possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.~~

30 ~~(g)(h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam, the
31 season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.~~

32 ~~(h)(i) In the inland and joint fishing waters [as identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107(1)(e)] of the Roanoke River
33 Striped Bass Management Area, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their
34 tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from
35 the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the
36 open season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate and the minimum size
37 limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit.
38 Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.~~

39 ~~(i)(j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River,
40 Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie
41 River and their tributaries), Striped Bass fishing season, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established
42 by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.~~

43 ~~(j)(k) The Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend or extend the hook-and-line season for Striped Bass in
44 the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any
45 proclamation issued under this authority.~~

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47 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*
48 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*
49 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES: PURCHASE AND SALE

2 (a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, it is unlawful to take nongame fishes from the inland fishing
3 waters of North Carolina in any manner other than with hook and line or grabbling. Nongame fishes may be taken
4 by hook and line or grabbling at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel limits, with the following
5 exceptions:

- 6 (1) Blue crabs shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and it is unlawful
7 to possess more than 50 crabs per person per day or to exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.
8 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no person shall take river
9 herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length or possess such
10 herring regardless of origin in:
11 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;
12 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;
13 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam;
14 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;
15 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;
16 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;
17 (G) all the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and
18 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of I-95.
19 (3) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman,
20 Mountain Island Reservoir, Lake Wylie, and John H. Kerr Reservoir, except that one fish per day
21 may be taken with archery equipment.
22 (4) No trotlines or set-hooks shall be used in the impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game
23 Land or in designated public mountain trout waters.
24 (5) In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be used only from October 1 through April 30.
25 (6) In inland fishing waters, gray trout (weakfish) recreational seasons, size limits and creel limits are
26 the same as those established by Marine Fisheries Commission rule or proclamations issued by the
27 Fisheries Director in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

28 (b) The season for taking nongame fishes by other hook and line methods in designated public mountain trout
29 waters is the same as the trout fishing season.

30 (c) Nongame fishes taken by hook and line, grabbling, or by licensed special devices may be sold, with the
31 following exceptions:

- 32 (1) alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr
33 Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties);
34 (2) blue crab; and
35 (3) bowfin.

36 (d) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded
37 waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake in Orange County. The daily
38 possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the
39 Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).

40 (e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property,
41 or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take
42 channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit for forked
43 tail catfish is six fish in aggregate. Waters where this creel limit applies shall be posted on-site with signs indicating
44 the creel limit.

45 (f) In Lake Norman and Badin Lake, the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish.

46 (g) The daily creel limit for American eels taken from or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing
47 in inland fishing waters is 25, and the minimum size limit is 9 inches.

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49 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;*
50 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
51 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992;*
52 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994;*
53 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*
54 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
55 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
56 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
57 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*

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August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

2 (a) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in the inland waters of North Carolina using
3 equipment other than:

- 4 (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
5 (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw where there is no length
6 limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
7 (3) a cast net;
8 (4) a bow net for the seasons and waters in which the use of bow nets is authorized in 15A NCAC
9 10C .0407;
10 (5)(4) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);
11 (6)(5) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC
12 10C .0407;
13 (7)(6) up to two eel pots;
14 (8)(7) a spear gun for the seasons and waters in which the use of a spear gun is authorized in 15A NCAC
15 10C .0407;
16 (9)(8) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings
17 not exceeding one inch in diameter, and that are under the immediate control and attendance of the
18 individual operating them;
19 (10)(9) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;
20 (11)(10) a single, multiple-bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length, marked on each end
21 with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter, bearing legible and indelible identification
22 of the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person
23 using the device, with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or
24 (12)(11) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by
25 design is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to
26 the bottom, with a limit of one trap per person.

27 (b) It is unlawful to sell nongame fishes or aquatic animals taken under this Rule.

28 (c) Game fishes taken while netting for bait shall be returned unharmed to the water, except white perch may be
29 taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all
30 impounded waters west of I-95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).

31 (d) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal
32 consumption subject to the following restrictions:

- 33 (1) No more than 25 eels, none of which may be less than 9 inches in length, shall be taken from or
34 possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in ~~or possessed from~~ inland fishing
35 waters;
36 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and
37 blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken and no such river herring
38 shall be possessed regardless of origin:
39 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam,
40 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam,
41 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam,
42 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam,
43 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam,
44 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek,
45 (G) the tributaries to the rivers listed above, and
46 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
47 (3) No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace
48 width of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.

49 (e) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.

50 (f) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or any other fish bait from designated public mountain trout waters
51 and from the bodies of water specified for the following counties:

- 52 (1) Chatham County:
53 Deep River
54 Rocky River
55 Bear Creek
56 (2) Lee County:
57 Deep River

- 1 (3) Moore County:
2 Deep River
3 (4) Randolph County:
4 Deep River below the Coleridge Dam
5 Fork Creek

6 (g) In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on
7 adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess, or release live
8 alewife or live blueback herring.
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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;*
11 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
12 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;*
13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*
14 *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*
15 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
16 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July*
17 *17, 2003);*
18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May*
19 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006.*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0206 TROTTLINES, JUG HOOKS AND SET HOOKS** ~~TROTTLINES AND SET HOOKS~~

2 (a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "set-hook" means ~~any~~ a fishing device consisting of a single hook and line having no more than
4 three hooks that is attached at one end only to a stationary object or floating object and not under
5 immediate control and attendance of the person using the device.
6 (2) "jug-hook" means a fishing device consisting of a single hook and line having no more than three
7 hooks that is attached to a float.
8 (3) "trotline" means a fishing device consisting of a horizontal common line having multiple hooks
9 attached.
10 ~~(3) "untended" means no bait is present on the device.~~

11 (b) Except as otherwise prohibited in this Rule, ~~trotlines, jug hooks~~ ~~trotlines~~ and set-hooks may be set in the inland
12 waters of North Carolina, provided no live bait is used. ~~Trotlines, jug hooks~~ ~~Trotlines~~ and set-hooks may not be set
13 in any of the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land. ~~Trotlines, jug hooks~~ ~~Trotlines~~ and set-hooks may not
14 be set in any designated public mountain trout waters except impounded waters of power reservoirs and
15 municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing. In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines, jug hooks
16 ~~trotlines~~ or set-hooks may be set only from October 1 through April 30.

17 (c) Each trotline, set hook, and jug hook shall bear legible and indelible identification of the user's name and
18 address or the user's Wildlife Resources Commission customer number. Each trotline shall be conspicuously
19 marked at each end and each set-hook conspicuously marked at one end with a flag, float, or other prominent object
20 so that its location is readily discernible by boat operators and swimmers. Trotlines shall be set parallel to the
21 nearest shore in all inland fishing waters unless otherwise prohibited. The number of jug-hooks that may be fished
22 is limited to 70 per boat. All trotlines, ~~throwlines~~, set-hooks, and jug-hooks shall be fished at least once daily and all
23 fish removed at that time. ~~Trotlines, Untended trotlines~~, set-hooks, and jug-hooks without bait or not labeled as
24 described in this paragraph may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement ~~officers, officers when located~~
25 ~~in areas of multiple water use.~~ It is unlawful to use metal cans or glass jugs as floats.

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27 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;
28 Eff. February 1, 1976;
29 Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989; January 1, 1982;
30 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
31 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; May 1, 2008; June 1, 2005; August
32 1, 2002.
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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0407 PERMITTED SPECIAL DEVICES AND OPEN SEASONS**

2 Except in designated public mountain trout waters, and in impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land,
3 there is a year-round open season for the licensed taking of nongame fishes by bow and arrow. The use of special
4 fishing devices, including crab pots in impoundments located entirely on game lands is prohibited. Seasons and
5 waters in which the use of other special devices is authorized are indicated by counties below:

- 6 (1) Alamance:
7 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Alamance Creek below NC 49 bridge and Haw River;
8 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
9 (2) Alexander: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lake
10 Hickory and Lookout Shoals Reservoir;
11 (3) Alleghany: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River, except designated public mountain trout
12 waters;
13 (4) Anson:
14 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
15 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;
16 (c) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from
17 Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
18 (5) Ashe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River (both forks), except designated public mountain
19 trout waters;
20 (6) Beaufort:
21 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Pungo River, and in the Tar and Pamlico Rivers above
22 Norfolk and Southern Railroad bridge; and with gigs in all inland public waters;
23 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters;
24 (7) Bertie:
25 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Broad Creek (tributary of Roanoke);
26 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
27 ponds, and other impounded waters;
28 (8) Bladen:
29 (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black River;
30 (b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Cape Fear River between
31 Lock and Dam 1 and 3 and in Black River, except that hand-crank electrofishing is
32 prohibited within 400 yards of Lock and Dam 1, 2, and 3 on Cape Fear River;
33 (9) Brunswick: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Alligator Creek, Hoods Creek, Indian Creek,
34 Orton Creek below Orton Pond, Rices Creek, Sturgeon Creek and Town Creek;
35 (10) Buncombe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain
36 trout waters;
37 (11) Burke:
38 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Johns River and
39 designated public mountain trout waters;
40 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated
41 public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
42 (12) Cabarrus:
43 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
44 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
45 (13) Caldwell: July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated
46 public mountain trout waters;
47 (14) Camden:
48 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters;
49 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
50 ponds, and other impounded waters;
51 (15) Carteret: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters except South River and the
52 tributaries of the White Oak River;
53 (16) Caswell:
54 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
55 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Moons Creek;
56 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Hyco Reservoir;
57 (17) Catawba:

- 1 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Catawba River below
2 Lookout Dam;
- 3 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, spear guns, and gigs in all public waters;
- 4 (18) Chatham:
- 5 (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets in the Cape Fear River, Deep River, Haw
6 River and Rocky River (local law);
- 7 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Cape Fear River, and Haw River;
- 8 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- 9 (19) Cherokee: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain
10 trout waters;
- 11 (20) Chowan:
- 12 (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
13 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 14 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and
15 other impounded waters;
- 16 (21) Clay: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
17 waters;
- 18 (22) Cleveland:
- 19 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 20 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- 21 (23) Columbus:
- 22 (a) December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters, except Lake Waccamaw
23 and its tributaries;
- 24 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Livingston Creek;
- 25 (c) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Waccamaw and Lumber
26 rivers;
- 27 (24) Craven:
- 28 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the main run of the Trent and Neuse Rivers;
- 29 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Pitch Kettle,
30 Grindle, Slocum (downstream of the US 70 bridge), Spring and Hancock Creeks and
31 their tributaries; and with seines in the Neuse River;
- 32 (25) Currituck:
- 33 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Tulls Creek and Northwest River;
- 34 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
35 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 36 (26) Dare:
- 37 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Mashoes Creek, Milltail Creek, East Lake and South Lake;
- 38 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
39 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 40 (27) Davidson:
- 41 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 42 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in all public waters except
43 Leonard's Creek, Abbott's Creek below Lake Thom-A-Lex dam, and the Abbott's Creek
44 arm of High Rock Lake upstream from the NC 8 bridge;
- 45 (28) Davie:
- 46 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 47 (b) July 1 to August 31 for taking only carp and suckers with seines in Dutchmans Creek
48 from US 601 to Yadkin River and in Hunting Creek from SR 1338 to South Yadkin
49 River;
- 50 (29) Duplin:
- 51 (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River
52 downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- 53 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River
54 downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- 55 (30) Durham:
- 56 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Neuse River;
- 57 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;

- 1 (31) Edgecombe: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all public waters;
2 (32) Forsyth: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except traps may not be used in
3 Belews Creek Reservoir;
4 (33) Franklin:
5 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Tar River;
6 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Parrish, Laurel Mill, Jackson,
7 Clifton, Moore's and Perry's Ponds, and in the Franklinton City ponds;
8 (34) Gaston:
9 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
10 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
11 (35) Gates: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
12 ponds, and other impounded waters;
13 (36) Graham: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
14 waters;
15 (37) Granville:
16 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Kerr Reservoir;
17 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in ~~the Neuse River and~~ the Tar River below US 158
18 bridge;
19 (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
20 (38) Greene: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets and reels in Contentnea Creek;
21 (39) Guilford:
22 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River, Deep River below Jamestown Dam, and
23 Reedy Fork Creek below US 29 bridge;
24 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
25 (40) Halifax: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Beech Swamp, Clarks Canal, Conoconnara
26 Swamp, Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam, Kehukee Swamp, Looking Glass Gut,
27 Quankey Creek, and White's Mill Pond Run;
28 (41) Harnett:
29 (a) January 1 to May 31 with gigs in Cape Fear River and tributaries;
30 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Cape Fear River;
31 (42) Haywood: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Lake Junaluska and designated
32 public mountain trout waters;
33 (43) Henderson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain
34 trout waters;
35 (44) Hertford:
36 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Wiccacon Creek;
37 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
38 ponds, and other impounded waters;
39 (45) Hyde:
40 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
41 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
42 ponds, and other impounded waters;
43 (46) Iredell: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lookout
44 Shoals Reservoir and Lake Norman;
45 (47) Jackson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
46 waters;
47 (48) Johnston: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black Creek, Little River, Middle Creek, Mill
48 Creek, Neuse River and Swift Creek;
49 (49) Jones:
50 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Trent River below US 17 bridge and White Oak River
51 below US 17 bridge;
52 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except the tributaries to the
53 White Oak River;
54 (50) Lee:
55 (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets (local law) in Cape Fear River and Deep
56 River;
57 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Cape Fear River;

- 1 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River, and with gigs in all public waters;
2 (51) Lenoir:
3 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River below US 70 bridge at Kinston;
4 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Neuse River and Contentnea Creek upstream from
5 NC 118 bridge at Grifton; and with seines in Neuse River;
6 (52) Lincoln:
7 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
8 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters;
9 (53) McDowell:
10 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public
11 mountain trout waters;
12 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated
13 public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
14 (54) Macon: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
15 waters;
16 (55) Madison: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
17 waters;
18 (56) Martin: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
19 ponds, and other impounded waters;
20 (57) Mecklenburg:
21 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
22 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters except Freedom Park
23 Pond and Hornet's Nest Ponds;
24 (58) Montgomery:
25 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee
26 Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
27 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
28 (59) Moore:
29 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters except in Deep River;
30 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills
31 Game Land; and with traps in Deep River and its tributaries;
32 (60) Nash:
33 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Tar River;
34 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Tar River below Harris' Landing and Fishing
35 Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam;
36 (61) New Hanover: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Sutton
37 (Catfish) Lake;
38 (62) Northampton:
39 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Gaston and Roanoke Rapids
40 Reservoirs and the Roanoke River above the US 301 bridge;
41 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Occoneechee Creek, Old River Landing Gut and
42 Vaughans Creek below Watsons Mill;
43 (63) Onslow:
44 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in White Oak River below US 17 bridge;
45 (b) August 1 to March 31 with eel pots in the main run of New River between US 17 bridge
46 and the mouth of Hawkins Creek;
47 (c) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of New River and in the main run of
48 the White Oak River;
49 (d) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Grant's Creek;
50 (64) Orange:
51 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River,
52 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
53 (65) Pamlico: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Dawson Creek;
54 (66) Pasquotank:
55 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
56 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
57 ponds, and other impounded waters;

- 1 (67) Pender:
- 2 (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of Northeast Cape Fear River;
- 3 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Northeast Cape Fear River, Long Creek,
- 4 Moore's Creek approximately one mile upstream to New Moon Fishing Camp, and Black
- 5 River;
- 6 (c) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River;
- 7 (68) Perquimans:
- 8 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
- 9 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
- 10 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 11 (69) Person:
- 12 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Hyco Creek and Mayo Creek;
- 13 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- 14 (70) Pitt:
- 15 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River and in Tar River below the mouth of Hardee
- 16 Creek east of Greenville;
- 17 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Grindle Creek, and
- 18 Contentnea Creek between NC 118 bridge at Grifton and the Neuse River;
- 19 (c) December 1 to June 5 with seines in Tar River;
- 20 (71) Polk: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 21 waters;
- 22 (72) Randolph:
- 23 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Deep River above the Coleridge Dam and Uwharrie
- 24 River;
- 25 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 26 (73) Richmond:
- 27 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from
- 28 Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
- 29 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the
- 30 Sandhills Game Land;
- 31 (c) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;
- 32 (74) Robeson: December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters.
- 33 (75) Rockingham:
- 34 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Dan River and Haw River;
- 35 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Dan River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- 36 (76) Rowan:
- 37 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- 38 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 39 (77) Rutherford:
- 40 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public
- 41 mountain trout waters;
- 42 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated
- 43 public mountain trout waters;
- 44 (78) Sampson:
- 45 (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Big Coharie Creek, Black River and Six Runs
- 46 Creek;
- 47 (b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River downstream
- 48 of NC 1105 bridge;
- 49 (79) Stanly:
- 50 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee
- 51 Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
- 52 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 53 (80) Stokes: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except designated public
- 54 mountain trout waters, and traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- 55 (81) Surry: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 56 waters; and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River;

- 1 (82) Swain: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
2 waters;
- 3 (83) Transylvania: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain
4 trout waters;
- 5 (84) Tyrrell:
- 6 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Scuppernong River and Alligator Creek;
- 7 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the
8 drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds
9 and other impounded waters;
- 10 (85) Union:
- 11 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- 12 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 13 (86) Vance:
- 14 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Tar River;
- 15 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Rolands, Faulkners, Southerlands,
16 and Weldon Ponds, City Lake, and Kerr Reservoir;
- 17 (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- 18 (87) Wake:
- 19 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Sunset, Benson, Wheeler, Raleigh,
20 and Johnson Lakes;
- 21 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Neuse River below Milburnie Dam, and Swift
22 Creek below Lake Benson Dam;
- 23 (88) Warren:
- 24 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Fishing Creek, Shocco Creek, and Walker Creek;
25 excluding Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds;
- 26 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds,
27 Kerr Reservoir, and Gaston Reservoir;
- 28 (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- 29 (89) Washington: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake
30 Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds
31 and other impoundments.
- 32 (90) Wayne: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Little River, Mill Creek and Neuse River.
- 33 (91) Wilkes: July 1 to June 30 with traps in Yadkin River below W. Kerr Scott Reservoir; and with
34 gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- 35 (92) Wilson:
- 36 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in Contentnea Creek (except Buckhorn Reservoir), including
37 unnamed tributaries between Flowers Mill and SR 1163 (Deans) bridge;
- 38 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Contentnea Creek below US 301 bridge and in
39 Toisnot Swamp downstream from the Lake Toisnot Dam;
- 40 (93) Yadkin: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in the main stem of
41 Yadkin River.

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43 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-276; 113-292;*
44 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
45 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 29, 1988;*
46 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1993;*
47 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; December 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1,*
48 *1994; June 1, 1994;*
49 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
50 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
51 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
52 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; May 1, 2007; June 1, 2005; August 1, 2004.*
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EXHIBIT E

March 5, 2015

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2015-2016

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
H1	Create a Youth Deer Hunting Day to coincide with National Hunting and Fishing Day, the fourth Saturday in September. On this day, youth under the age of 16 would be able to use all legal weapons to hunt deer of either-sex on both private lands and game lands. Except as otherwise required, youth do not need an accompanying adult. Adults can hunt with or without a youth on this day, but are restricted to the legal weapon for the open season in that area. All hunters would be required to wear blaze orange on this day.	160 :Agree 28 :Disagree	45 :Online 142 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email
H2	Extend the gun deer season in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford Counties until January 1.	133 :Agree 27 :Disagree	37 :Online 121 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email
H3	Clarify that bait legal for taking bears is a grain, fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components. Also clarify that bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of any processed food product, extracts of processed food products, or any legal bait that has been modified by extracts or other substances.	131 :Agree 18 :Disagree	27 :Online 122 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
H4	Eliminate the Gaddy Goose Refuge goose zone and season in Anson County and return this area to the Southern James Bay Hunt Zone for goose hunting.	106 :Agree 2 :Disagree	11 :Online 97 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
H5	Allow the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck areas.	118 :Agree 9 :Disagree	19 :Online 108 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
H6	Increase the number of days that the public has to tag bobcat, otters and foxes from up to 10 days after the close of the applicable season to up to 30 days. Establish a time frame of 23 days after the close of the season for the Commission to mail tags to sportsmen.	124 :Agree 10 :Disagree	20 :Online 114 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
H7	Allow hunters to use electronic calls to take feral swine.	160 :Agree 5 :Disagree	38 :Online 127 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Hunting)		53 :Online 78 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (General)		0 :Online 3 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email

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by District

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EXHIBIT F

March 5, 2015

PROPOSED CHANGES IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR 2015-2016 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- H1) Create a Youth Deer Hunting Day to coincide with National Hunting and Fishing Day, the fourth Saturday in September. On this day, youth under the age of 16 would be able to use all legal weapons to hunt deer of either-sex on both private lands and game lands. Except as otherwise required, youth do not need an accompanying adult. Adults can hunt with or without a youth on this day, but are restricted to the legal weapon for the open season in that area. All hunters would be required to wear blaze orange on this day. *15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 4)*
- H2) Extend the gun deer season in Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford Counties until January 1. Currently this season closes on the 5th Saturday after Thanksgiving. *15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 3)*
- H3) Clarify that bait legal for taking bears is a grain, fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components. Also clarify that bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of any processed food product, extracts of processed food products, or any legal bait that has been modified by extracts or other substances. *15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 7)*
- H4) Eliminate the Gaddy Goose Refuge goose zone and season in Anson County and return this area to the Southern James Bay Hunt Zone for goose hunting. *15A NCAC 10B .0105 Migratory game birds (pages 9&10)*
- H5) Allow the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as a special sea duck areas. *15A NCAC 10B .0105 Migratory game birds (page 9)*
- H6) Increase the number of days that the public has to tag bobcat, otters and foxes from up to 10 days after the close of the applicable season to up to 30 days. Establish a time frame of 23 days after the close of the season for the Commission to mail tags to sportsmen. *15A NCAC 10B .0404 Trappers and hunters (page 11)*

H7) Allow hunters to use electronic calls to take feral swine.
15A NCAC 10B .0223 Feral swine (page 12)

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)**

2 (a) Open Seasons (All Lawful Weapons) for hunting deer:

3 (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as
4 distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following
5 seasons:

- 6 (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen,
7 Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Currituck,
8 Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke,
9 Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton,
10 Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond**, Robeson,
11 Sampson, Scotland**, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson
12 counties.
13 *Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.
14 **Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek,
15 and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 16 (B) Saturday before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe,
17 Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes*, and
18 Yadkin counties.
19 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.
- 20 (C) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all
21 of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson,
22 Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, ~~Polk~~, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey
23 counties.
- 24 (D) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson,
25 Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg,
26 Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union
27 counties.
- 28 (E) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates,
29 and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those
30 parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National
31 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee
32 National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay
33 Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- 34 (F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through ~~January 1 the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving~~
35 ~~Day~~ in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game
36 Land.

37 (2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open
38 seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in Parts A, B, C, D, E, F, and G of this
39 Subparagraph: (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on Game Lands);
40 Lands). Deer of either sex may be taken during the open season identified in Part H of this
41 Subparagraph.

- 42 (A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
43 during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in
44 those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp
45 National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties
46 known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and
47 Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts of
48 Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay
49 Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- 50 (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands
51 during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in that part
52 of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of
53 Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow
54 County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military
55 Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

- (C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties; and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age.
- (D) The last open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties.**
*Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280
**Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on game lands that differ from the days identified in this Subparagraph
- (E) The last six open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.
- (F) The first six open days and the last seven ~~six~~ open days of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.
- (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties:
Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and
Henderson. That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- (H) The fourth Saturday in September, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (i) Only persons under the age of 16 years may hunt.

(b) Open Seasons (Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow during the following seasons:
 - (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
 - (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.
 - (C) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.
 - (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- (2) Restrictions
 - (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

- 1 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
2 may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.
- 3 (c) Open Seasons (Blackpowder Firearms and Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:
- 4 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may
5 be taken only with blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow during the following seasons:
- 6 (A) The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the
7 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers
8 specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek,
9 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 10 (B) The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter
11 in the counties* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible
12 Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
13 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.
- 14 (C) Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in
15 Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of counties having
16 the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part C of Subparagraph
17 (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 18 (D) The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week
19 thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With
20 Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on
21 Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 22 (2) Restrictions
- 23 (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season
24 in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell,
25 Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season only
26 in all other counties.
- 27 (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and bow and
28 arrow seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in
29 accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- 30 (3) As used in this Paragraph, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm - including any firearm with
31 a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or
32 before 1898; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for
33 using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-
34 loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder
35 substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and that cannot use fixed
36 ammunition."
- 37 (d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:
- 38 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag
39 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in
40 participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following
41 January 1 to the fifth Saturday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof
42 that occurs within a city boundary.
- 43 (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season must send a letter to that effect
44 no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or
45 his designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722. Cities must also submit a
46 map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.
- 47 (3) Restrictions:
- 48 (A) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a
49 leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- 50 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
51 shall be used during the urban season.
- 52 (e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit
53 is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit
54 is six deer, up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers. The season limit in all counties of the State, is six
55 deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report
56 cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional

1 antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open
2 deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this
3 Rule. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the
4 possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested
5 during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities,
6 except on State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as
7 distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer
8 harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e)
9 for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP
10 license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer
11 harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported
12 as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card
13 provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the
14 DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject
15 to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or
16 the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

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18 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;
19 Eff. February 1, 1976;
20 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,
21 1994; July 1, 1993;
22 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
23 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
24 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;
25 Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);
26 Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
27 Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July
28 17, 2003);
29 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011;
30 July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

2 (a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- 3 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after
4 Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
5 (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in all of Bladen, Carteret, Cumberland, Duplin, New
6 Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
7 (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Brunswick Columbus and Robeson
8 counties.
9 (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving
10 to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in all of Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare,
11 Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt,
12 Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
13 (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third
14 Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates,
15 Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
16 (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A
17 NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham,
18 Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell,
19 Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,
20 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Warren, Wake, and
21 Yadkin counties.

22 (b) Restrictions

- 23 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
24 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
25 components. ~~not a processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r) and is not a bear bait~~
26 ~~attractant, including scented sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.~~
27 (2) ~~Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:~~
28 (A) ~~any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or~~
29 ~~product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,~~
30 ~~candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease; or~~
31 (B) ~~any extracts of substances identified in Part A of this Subparagraph; or~~
32 (C) ~~any substances modified by substances identified in Part A of this Subparagraph,~~
33 ~~including any extracts of those substances; or~~
34 (D) ~~any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls and scent powders.~~
35 ~~(2)(3)~~ Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the first open Monday through the following
36 Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule. In counties with
37 a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first segment.
38 ~~(3)(4)~~ Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
39 ~~(4)(5)~~ Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
40 Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.
41 ~~(5)(6)~~ Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate
42 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth,
43 Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85,
44 Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other
45 counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the
46 vicinity of bait.

47 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
48 sanctuaries:

- 49 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
50 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
51 Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary
52 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
53 Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
54 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
55 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
56 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary

- 1 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
- 2 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
- 3 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 4 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
- 5 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 6 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 7 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 8 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 9 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 10 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 11 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
- 12 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 13 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
- 14 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

15 (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

16 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be ~~tagged and the kill~~ reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B
17 .0113.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*
20 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*
22 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
23 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
25 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*
27 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*
28 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*
29 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0105 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

2 (a) Cooperative State Rules:

- 3 (1) The taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider and old squaw) during any federally-announced season for
4 only these species shall be limited to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and to those coastal waters
5 south of US 64 which are separated by a distance of at least 800 yards of open water from any
6 shore, island or marsh.
- 7 (2) Tundra swans may be taken during the open season by permit only subject to annual limitations
8 imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Based upon the annual limitations imposed by the
9 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue nontransferable
10 swan permits to applicants who will be selected at random by computer, and only one swan may
11 be taken under each permit which must be cancelled at the time of the kill by cutting out the
12 month and day of the kill. Accompanying the permit is a tag which must be affixed to the swan at
13 the time and place of the kill. The tag must be affixed in accordance with instructions provided
14 with the permit. In addition, a preaddressed post-paid card is supplied to each permittee on which
15 to report the number of days hunted and the details of the kill if made. It is unlawful to hunt swans
16 without having the permit and the tag in possession or to possess a swan without the cancelled
17 permit in possession and the tag properly affixed to the swan. It is unlawful to possess a swan
18 permit or tag while hunting that was assigned to another person or to alter the permit or tag in any
19 way other than cutting out the proper month and day of kill.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-291.1(a) and (b), the following restrictions apply to the taking of
21 migratory game birds:

- 22 (1) No migratory game bird may be taken:
23 (A) With a rifle;
24 (B) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is
25 plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so
26 as to limit its total capacity to not more than three shells.
- 27 (2) No migratory game bird may be taken:
28 (A) From or by the use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device affording the
29 hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
30 (B) With the aid of bait, or on, over or within 300 yards of any place where any grain, salt or
31 other feed is exposed so as to constitute an attraction to migratory game birds or has been
32 so exposed during any of the 10 consecutive days preceding the taking, except that this
33 Part shall not apply to standing crops, flooded croplands, grain crops properly shocked on
34 the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural
35 planting or harvesting;
36 (C) With the aid of live decoys, or on, over or within 300 yards of any place where tame or
37 captive migratory game birds are present, unless such birds are and have been for a
38 period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking confined within an enclosure which
39 eliminates the audibility of their calls and totally conceals them from the sight of wild
40 migratory game birds.
- 41 ~~(3) Crippled waterfowl may be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described,~~
42 ~~delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas.~~
- 43 ~~(4)~~ Waterfowl hunting and harassment and other unauthorized activities is prohibited on posted
44 waterfowl management areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for Canada
45 Geese and ducks restoration.
- 46 ~~(5)~~ In that area of Roanoke Sound adjacent to and immediately Northeast of Roanoke Island as
47 marked by buoys designating the waterfowl rest area, it is unlawful to harass or take any
48 waterfowl.
- 49 ~~(6)~~ The area east of US 17 is designated as an experimental September teal season zone as referenced
50 by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating experimental areas.
- 51 ~~(6)~~ It is unlawful to harass or take any geese during established goose hunting season that occurs after
52 October 1 in each year in the Gaddy Goose Refuge, which is in that area of Anson County starting
53 at the NC 109 bridge over the Pee Dee River and following NC 109 south to Dennis Road
54 (SR1650); west on Dennis Road to Pleasant Grove Church Road (SR 1649); continue west on
55 Pleasant Grove Church Road to US 52; south on US 52 to Lockhart Road (SR 1652); west on
56 Lockhart Road to Brown Creek Church Cox Road (SR 1641); west on Brown Creek Church Cox

1 ~~Road to NC 742; northwest on NC 742 to Lanes Creek; Lanes Creek north (downstream) to Rocky~~
2 ~~River; Rocky River downstream to the Pee Dee River; and from Pee Dee River downstream to the~~
3 ~~beginning of the NC 109 bridge.~~

4 (c) Reporting Requirements: For tundra swan and Canada goose seasons where a permit is required to hunt by
5 Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, hunter questionnaires supplied on preaddressed,
6 postage-paid cards must be returned to the Commission and postmarked no later than April 1 following the end of
7 the applicable season. Failure to return the questionnaire and animal parts, if required, by this date shall make the
8 individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season. In lieu of returning a hard copy,
9 individuals may fill out a questionnaire on-line through the Wildlife Commission web site when this option is
10 available by April 1 following the end of the applicable season.

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12 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 50 C.F.R. 20.21; 50 C.F.R. 20.105;
13 Eff. February 1, 1976;
14 Amended Eff. July 1, 1995; April 1, 1992; February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
15 Temporary Amendment Eff. September 10, 1998;
16 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; May 1, 2007; June 1, 2005; May 1, 2004; July 1, 2000.

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0404 TRAPPERS AND HUNTERS**

2 (a) Every fox taken in an area of open season as provided by G.S. 113-291.4 shall be tagged at the scene of taking.

3 (b) Every person taking any bobcat or otter in this State, or any foxes under a depredation permit, general statute,
4 rule, or local law that permits taking, shall obtain and affix the proper tag to each carcass or pelt before selling or
5 transferring the same to any person or transporting the same for any purpose, except that:

6 (1) A person may transport the same from the place of taking to his North Carolina residence and
7 from his North Carolina residence to a fur tag agent or taxidermist's place of business.

8 (2) A person may transport the same from the place of taking to the nearest place in this State where
9 the appropriate tag may be obtained.

10 (3) The carcass, pelt or mounted specimen is exempt from tagging requirements while in the
11 taxidermist's place of business or after the mount is completed.

12 (4) A licensed trapper may take live foxes during any legal trapping season, except foxes taken under
13 G.S. 113-291.4, without tagging them and sell them to a licensed controlled hunting preserve for
14 fox in accordance with G.S. 113-273(g).

15 No carcass or pelt of any bobcat, otter or fox taken within this State may be removed from the state without a proper
16 fur tag having been affixed thereto, except a licensed taxidermist may ship the same to a tannery for processing.

17 Any carcass or pelt remaining in a person's possession after the end of the season, except those in a licensed
18 taxidermist's place of business or his or her taxidermy preservation facility, shall be properly tagged by him or her
19 within 30 40 days following the close of such ~~season~~ season, provided that no tags shall be shipped from the
20 Commission to a person 23 consecutive days from the close of the season. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
21 repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this Paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.

22 (c) In any case where the taking of foxes with weapons or traps and the sale thereof is authorized by local
23 legislation, except live foxes taken by licensed trappers who live-trap foxes for sale during any open season the
24 hunter or trapper taking any such fox shall, in the absence of a specific provision to the contrary, obtain and affix the
25 carcass or pelt with a proper tag before selling or transferring the same to any other person, or transporting the same
26 for any purpose than as authorized by Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-276.1; 113-291.4; S.L. 1985, chs. 108, 179, 180, 664 and 722;*
29 *Eff. November 14, 1978;*

30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2010; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2008; July 1, 1994; January*
31 *1, 1992; December 1, 1985; October 1, 1980.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0223 FERAL SWINE**

2 (a) This Rule applies to hunting feral swine. There is no closed season for taking feral swine. Feral swine may be
3 taken on private lands anytime during the day or night. Feral swine may be taken on public lands without a permit
4 from the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, and from one-half hour after sunset to
5 one-half hour before sunrise by permit only.

6 (b) There are no bag limit restrictions on feral swine.

7 (c) Manner of take. Hunters may use artificial ~~lights.~~ lights and electronic calls.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-291; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*
10 *Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2011;*
11 *Eff. February 1, 2012;*
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2012;*
13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; March 21, 2013.*

EXHIBIT G-1

March 5, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

Date First Presented to WRC: March 5, 2015

Tract Name: Deviney 2014 Tract (PIN 1608559)

Acreage: 28.5

County: Rutherford

Estimated Value: \$ 150,000 (asking price - appraised value likely significantly lower)
Landowner advised that he will accept a "reasonable offer" and that the asking price is not firm.

Property Owner or Representative: Jim Deviney

Phone: (704) 538-9071

Address: 838 Moriah School Road, Casar, NC 28020

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: NHTF CWMTF
 OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Federal Funding

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

This acquisition would be a significant part of the total management project being carried out in the South Mountains area. Acquisition is particularly important since it would remove an inholding from South Mountains Game Land (SMGL). The current owner's access crosses SMGL for approximately 0.75 mi. The tract is predominately Appalachian oak forest, with some embedded Appalachian cove forest also present. Some timber has been removed in the past 5-10 years. Management objectives will include restoring and maintaining the oak forest and cove forest priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tract. Common wildlife species found on the tract includes wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer and gray squirrel. Priority nongame species likely found on the tract as either permanent residents or transient inhabitants include Cooper's hawk, Sharp-shinned hawk, northern flicker, prairie warbler, yellow billed cuckoo, Eastern wood-pewee, hooded warbler, timber rattlesnake, eastern box turtle, eastern mole, Smoky shrew, pygmy shrew, eastern hog nosed snake, mole kingsnake, and Eastern kingsnake.

This tract is embedded within the Rollins/South Mountains State Natural Area. Both the R and C rating for this natural area are exceptional. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element

within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained.

Additional Comments:

Access is via SMGL and is secure.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include removal of one small cabin at an estimated cost of approximately \$2000.

No short-term revenue is anticipated from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area Fishing Access Area
 None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

30 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

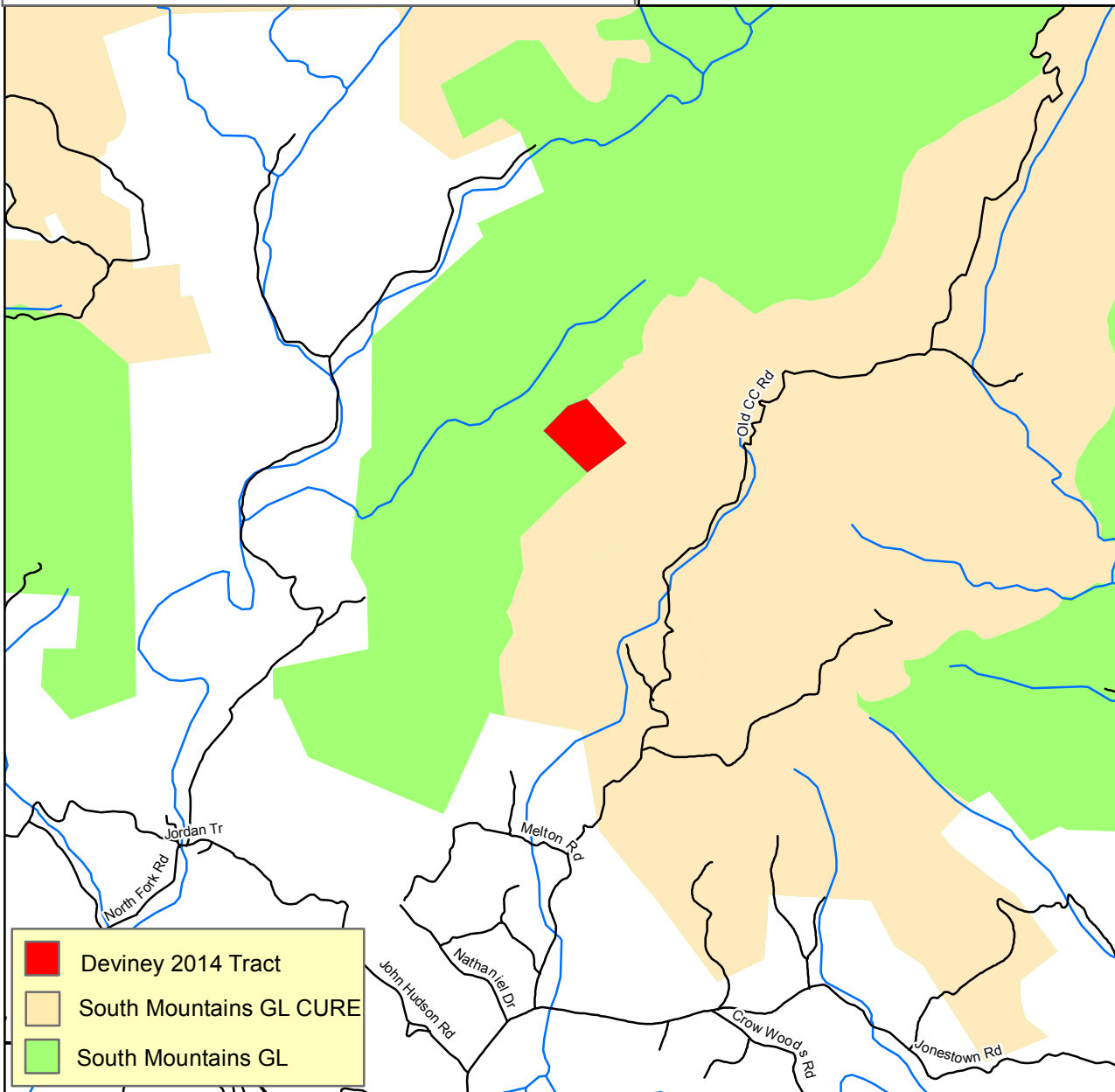
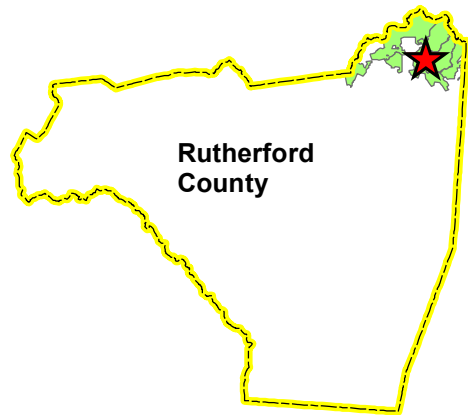
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (South Mountains GL) Deviney 2014 Tract (Rutherford County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>30</u>

**Deviney 2014 Tract
South Mountains GL
Rutherford County
28.5 Acres**



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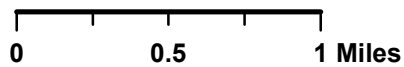


EXHIBIT G-2

March 5, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Chris Dawes and Chris Baranski

Date First Presented to WRC: March 5, 2015

Tract Name: DOT River Bend (PIN 01061016)

Acreage: 193 acres

County: Caswell

Estimated Value: NA - reallocation

Property Owner or Representative: NC Department of Transportation

Phone: (919) 707-6000

Address: NCDOT Project Development & Environmental Analysis
Natural Environment Unit
1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): This is NCDOT mitigation property (Conservation Easement Area) offered for reallocation to the NCWRC.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The River Bend Tract is a significant undeveloped property along the Dan River. The entire tract lies in the floodplain of the river and is comprised of bottomland hardwood/alluvial forest and abandoned agricultural land. Patches of older bottomland hardwood forest (~6 acres) are dispersed throughout the property and along the intermittent waterways, with a well-developed levee forest (~22 acres) adjacent to the bank of the river. The main canopy species here are green ash, hackberry, silver maple, various elms, sycamore, sweetgum, box elder, and black walnut. An approx. 4 acre semi-permanent pool is located in the northeastern corner of the tract at the state line adjacent to the Milton BAA parking lot, and other scattered, small ephemeral wetlands are located towards the western end. Noted species here include water parsnip, swamp dock, woodland sea oats, water plantain, creeping jenny, low spearwort (buttercup), and various sedges (*Carex sp.*). There are ~1.4 miles of river frontage on the north bank of the Dan River and ~1.3 miles of road frontage on the south side of River Bend Road. There are ~2.2 miles of natural (and potentially altered) intermittent waterways (i.e. ditches) on the tract. A high tension powerline ROW traverses a wide expanse of the tract from the NW to the SE. At ~0.8 miles in length and roughly 11.5 acres, this corridor

provides the major open, herbaceous habitat on the property. The main habitat type (by acreage) is abandoned agricultural land in various stages of succession. In the northern section paralleling most of the length of River Bend Rd., there appears to be old pasture (indicated by fencing) converting to woodlands (~62 acres >15 years old) with some small openings remaining that are dominated by pasture grasses with scattered larger trees. About 88 acres are abandoned crop fields in the flat river bottom vegetated by 10-15 year old trees. Sweetgum, red maple, various elms, box elder, hackberry, and red cedar are prevalent in the abandoned agricultural areas. The habitats represented on this property are likely extremely valuable to Neotropical migrants, herps, and many other species listed in the NCWAP like American woodcock, Kentucky warbler, whip-poor-will, worm-eating warbler, *Ambystoma* salamanders, and Northern gray treefrog. Birds noted during the site visit include scarlet tanager, hooded warbler, yellow-breasted chat, wood thrush, yellow-billed cuckoo, and common yellowthroat. This tract buffers two adjacent Significant Natural Heritage Areas; the River Bend Road Mafic Slopes to the north and the Dan River/Milton Floodplains and Slopes on the opposite bank of the river.

Additional Comments: The River Bend tract lies adjacent to the NCWRC's Milton Boating Access Area on the Dan River. Boat launch, fishing access, and improved parking already exist at this site. The acquisition of this property would add significant bank fishing access opportunities in the Dan River. The path down the powerline at the western end of the property off of River Bend Rd. could be improved and gated with a parking area to allow better user access to the larger sections of the tract. Hunting opportunities appear to be good to excellent for deer and small game. The potential exists for the creation of a managed waterfowl impoundment on the property pending consultation, approval, and permitting (with & by NCDOT and USACE) to alter the landscape and the hydrology as restricted by the Conservation Easement Area language.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include posting and maintaining 3.2 miles of boundary @ \$350/mi. Multiple options exist for improving hunter and angler access to the tract. The most extensive option would involve reconstructing approximately 0.3 miles of old existing road on the tract with a public parking area near the river. Road upgrades, with associated parking, informational kiosk and signage, gate installation and other grading/drainage/gravel is estimated at approximately \$200,000. Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$200,000. Other options include development of a parking area along River Ben Road with walk-in access or utilization of existing parking associated with the adjacent Milton Boating Access Area.

No revenue is anticipated from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 28 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

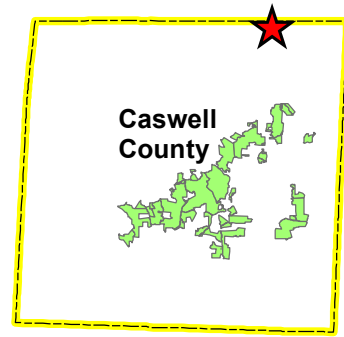
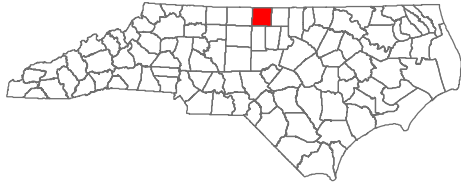
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WORKSHEET
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

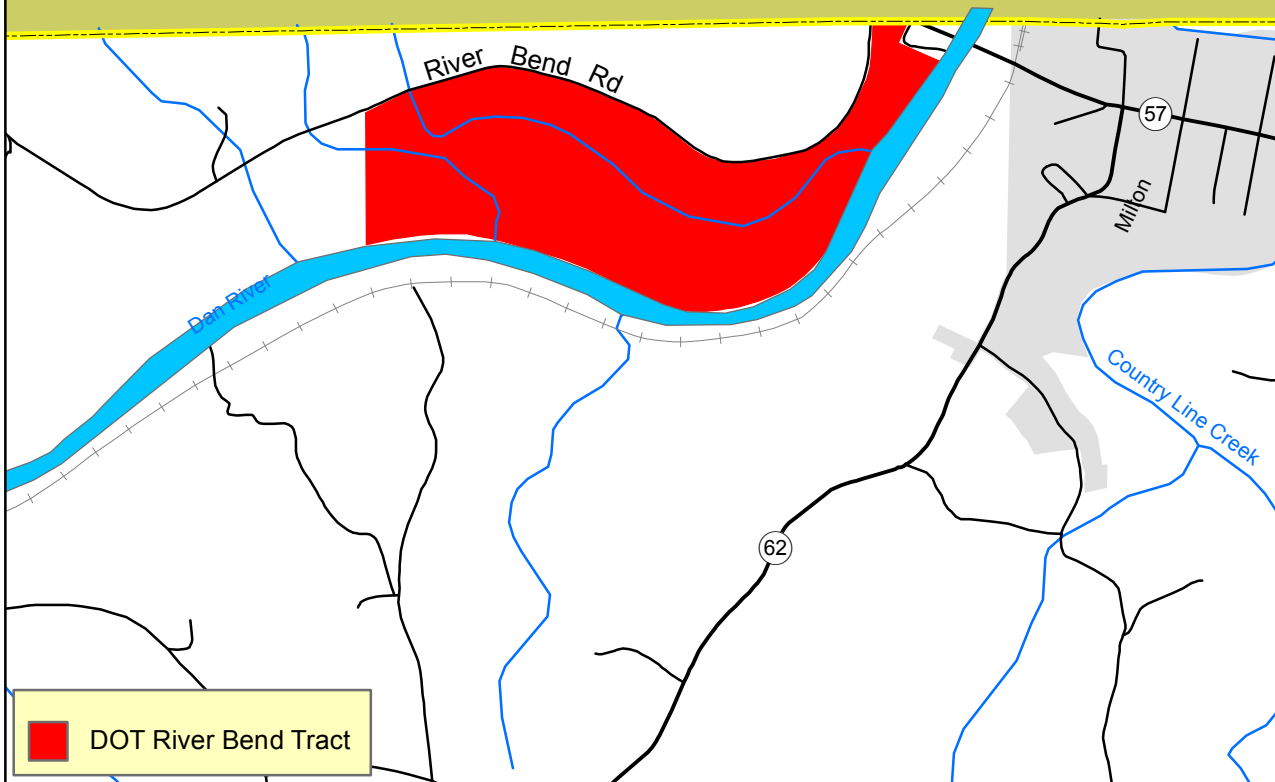
Tract Name (Dan River – Caswell GL) River Bend Tract (Caswell County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u> 5 </u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u> 5 </u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u> 5 </u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u> 3 </u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u> 5 </u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u> 5 </u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u> Yes </u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u> No </u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u> Yes </u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u> 28 </u>

DOT River Bend Tract
R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell GL
Caswell County
193 Acres



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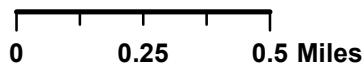


EXHIBIT G-3

March 5, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Chris Dawes and Chris Baranski

Date First Presented to WRC: March 5, 2015

Tract Name: Graves Addition (PIN 0129 024)

Acreage: 4.14 acres

County: Caswell

Estimated Value: \$23,249.00 (\$5,616/acre) tax value

Property Owner or Representative: Earl A. Graves & Malcom G. Miles

Phone: Earl Graves (Home) 336-504-5727 & (Cell) 336-459-7695

Address: P.O. Box 122, Leasburg, NC 27291

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: NHTF CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman-Robertson Funding, WRC

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Graves Addition Tract is a strategic parcel for acquisition adjacent to the much larger (204.5 acres) Graves Tract that was purchased in 2007 and incorporated into the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land. The small tract (4.14 acres) does not provide much in the way of biological resources or ecosystem enhancement opportunities, but the location at the end of the state maintained road (Will Paylor Rd.) and proximity to existing game land makes this tract extremely valuable as a future location for improving user access.

The tract is composed of an abandoned yard (residence no longer present), a field in current agricultural production (tobacco and small grains), and a stand of middle-aged forest (successional old-field). The whole field is approximately 2.2 acres, though the very northern quarter acre is on another private parcel not for sale. The portion of the field that is known to be on this tract is approximately 1.8 acres. The forested portion of the tract is approximately 1.2 acres. Typical of the region, this area was likely cleared and in agricultural production 50 to 60 years ago. It is now dominated by Virginia pine, with scattered shortleaf pine, yellow poplar, red maple, sweet gum, and occasional sub-dominant oaks and hickories. The abandoned yard (approx. 1.12 acres) has

grown up into a thicket dominated by sapling trees, sumac, blackberries, Bradford pear, and other invasive herbaceous species. A mobile home formerly on the property has been removed within the last few years (2006-2008) and it is not known how long ago it was occupied. A ground water well and a septic tank system are still present.

On the southern portion of this tract, along the existing posted Game Land boundary, is an unimproved field/woods path that provides a western access to the adjoining Painter Property (approx. 644 acres) where there are other agricultural fields and significant timber acreage. This access would need to be designated as a formal road easement to the Painter Property.

Additional Comments: The Draft R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land Management Plan identifies increased public access as a significant need, particularly for equestrian activities. In the Management Plan, additional riding opportunities on designated roads and improved parking accommodations for horse trailers were requested in all public input forums. As a result, staff plans to improve roads open for horseback riding and build new parking facilities for large trailered vehicles on two areas of the RWB-Caswell Game Land. One of these areas involves a trailhead at the dead end of the Will Paylor Road, where the original Graves tract and the current Graves tract addition are located. The trail will extend from this location south to what is known as the 'Upland Depressions' off of Ridgeville Road. Road improvements and additional designated linkages built will provide a five mile round trip ride for horseback enthusiasts. The construction and improvement of these designated equestrian roads are currently hindered by the lack of good access and parking on the Will Paylor Road side of North Frogsboro. If the Graves tract addition is acquired, it will facilitate creating the planned horseback riding area. The ease of access and parking area construction on the Graves addition Tract will eliminate the need for extensive land clearing and grading on the existing Graves Tract, and will shorten the time duration necessary to complete this project. Hunters, wildlife viewers, and other game land users will also benefit greatly from this improved access.

Creating a horse-trailer parking area for the eventual establishment of a horseback riding trailhead for North Frogsboro will involve building a loop drive off the dead-end paved road. Entry/exit will include a portion of the original Graves tract and the new Graves tract addition. Expenses include road building and improvement, gravel, drainage details, gate and kiosk erection. Access and improvement investments are estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 18 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

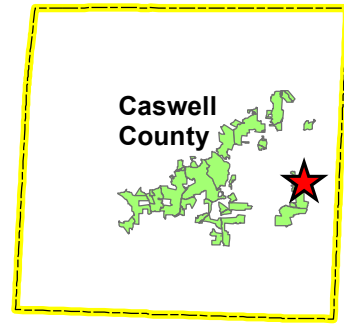
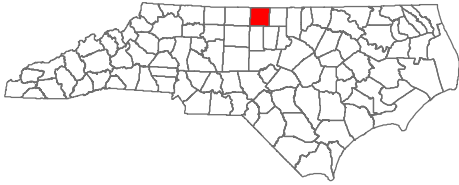
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
WORKSHEET
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Caswell GL) Graves Tract Addition (Caswell County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent /1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>1</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>1</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>1</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new Game Land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new Game Land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>18</u>

Graves Tract Addition R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell GL Caswell County 4.14 Acres



-  Graves Tract Addition
-  Caswell Game Land (Original Graves Tract)

NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis,
NC 911 Board

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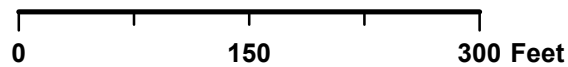


EXHIBIT G-4

March 5, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/David Stewart

Date First Presented to WRC: May 22, 2014 (approved to conduct appraisal only)
March 5, 2015 (follow-up Phase I approval request)

Tract Name: Shelton Tract (PIN 971357654500000)

Acreage: 97

County: Buncombe

Estimated Value: \$1,700,000 (asking price); \$ 17,526/Acre

Appraised Value: \$1,360,000

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Mike Moore, CDN Appraisals	08/29/2014	\$ 1,360,000 (\$ 14,021/Acre)

Property Owner or Representative: Shirley Shelton, c/o John Carroll – Coldwell Banker

Phone: (828) 398-5700 Office; (828) 778-8551 Mobile

Property Address: 633 Cedar Hill Road Alexander NC 28701

Agent Address: 20 Town Mountain Road, Asheville, NC 28801

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: Clean Water Management Trust Fund

OTHER (explain): Pittman-Robertson Land Acquisition Grant

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the Sandy Mush area and would solidify public access to a portion of Sandy Mush Game Land that currently has relatively poor access. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership, such as Pisgah National Forest, Sandy Mush Game Land (WRC holdings), Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy lands and various private

holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements. WRC ownership will help reduce land fragmentation as well, due to this tract having a high potential for development.

A small portion of the tract is forested with Appalachian oak and Appalachian cove forests, while the majority of the tract is early successional open fields. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tract. The NC Wildlife Action Plan identifies early successional habitats as priority habitat and the openness of the Shelton Tract is ideal for quality early successional habitat restoration. Common wildlife species found on the tract include quail, grouse, wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and gray squirrel. Priority nongame species that will benefit from WRC ownership and early successional management efforts include various sparrows (field, grasshopper, white-throated and fox), blue grosbeaks, kingbirds, prairie warblers, yellow-breasted chats, indigo buntings, eastern towhees, whip-poor-wills and kestrels.

The Shelton tract is immediately adjacent the Sandy Mush Game Land. Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for and/or maintained.

Additional Comments: The Shelton Tract has been identified in the Draft Sandy Mush Game Land Management Plan as a Level 1 priority tract for acquisition. Level 1 gives this tract a high priority for acquisition. Another feature that makes the Shelton Tract significant is that the property is bordered on the east by the French Broad River, which represents a priority riverine smallmouth bass fishery. This location also offers angling opportunities for largemouth bass, various catfish species (flathead, channel and bullhead) and sunfish species. Approximately 1,200 feet of river borders the tract and offers potential for developing angler access.

The Shelton tract is located off of Cedar Hill Road (SR 1632). There is currently public access to existing WRC property at the end of Cedar Hill Rd., but it is difficult for the public to fully utilize due to the complexity of the boundary at this location. Acquisition of the Shelton tract would help alleviate this situation.

Program Potential: Game Land (Sandy Mush) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

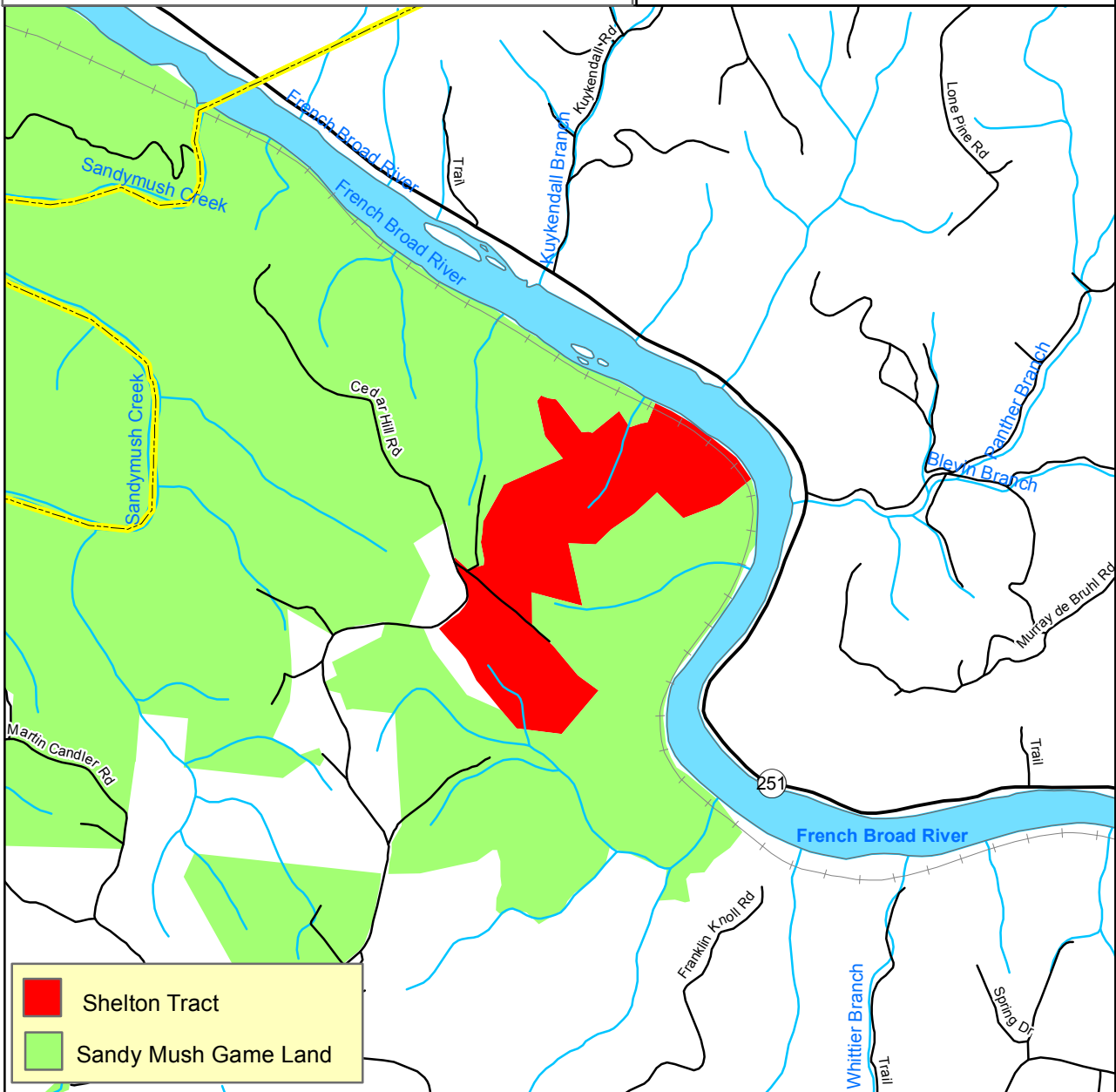
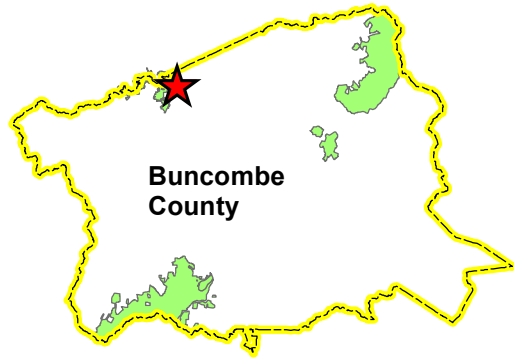
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Sandy Mush GL) Shelton Tract (Buncombe County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>29</u>

Shelton Tract Sandy Mush GL Buncombe County 85 Acres



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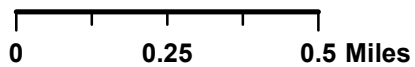


EXHIBIT H

March 5, 2015



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

February 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Erik Christofferson, Chief
Division of Engineering and Lands Management

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Program Manager
Lands Management Section

SUBJECT: Emily Applewhite Access Easement Request
Second Creek Game Land – Rowan County

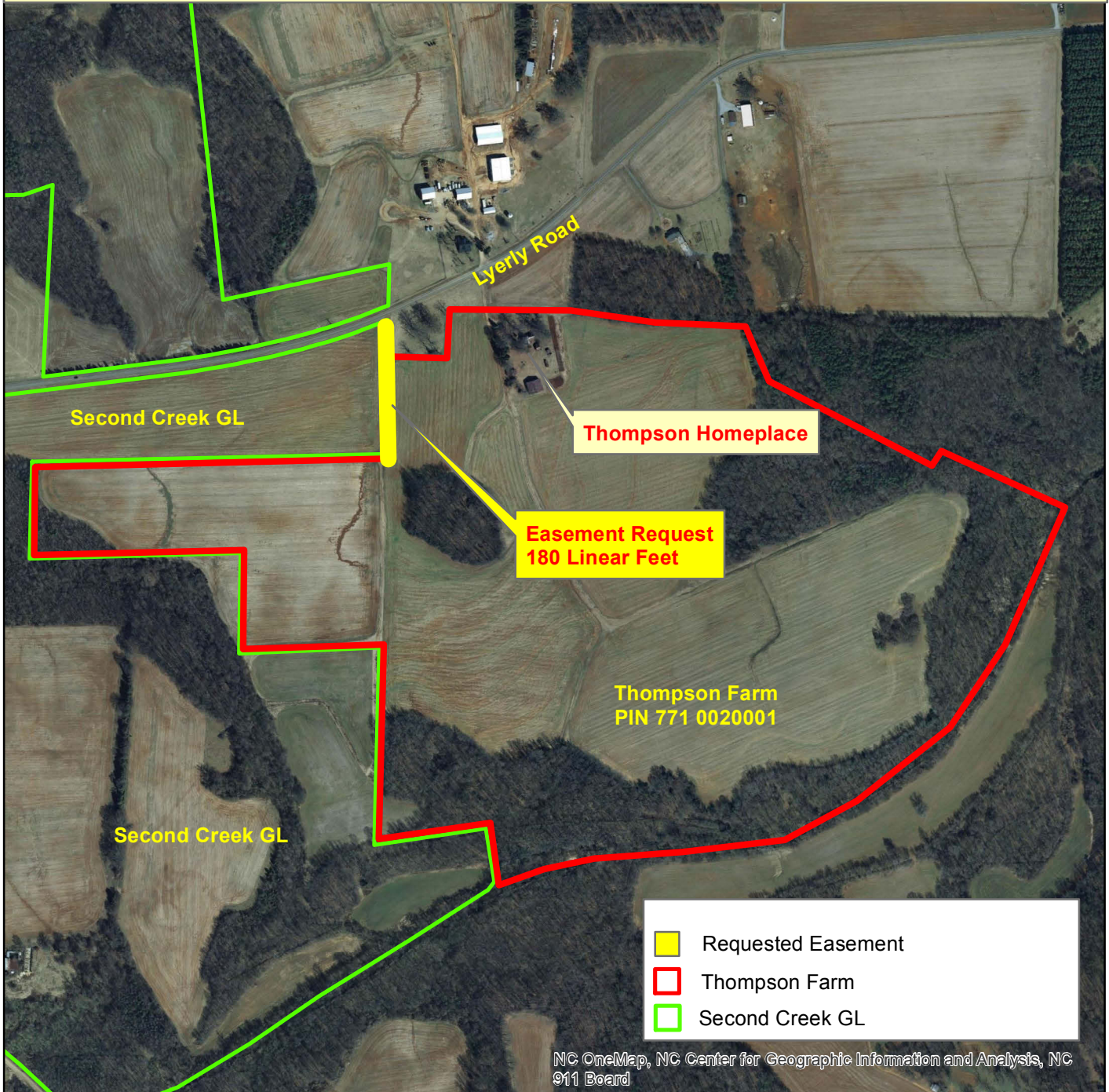
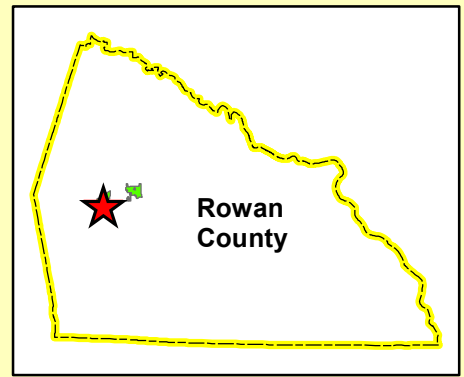
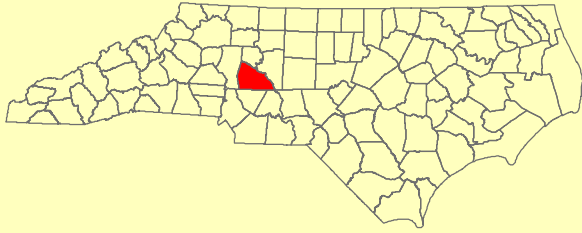
Ms. Emily Applewhite has requested a deeded access easement along 180 linear feet of existing road on a portion of Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County. Ms. Applewhite owns a 2.3 acre property, formerly part of the Thompson Farm (PIN 771 0020001), which has no deeded access. The easement is requested to facilitate a loan to make improvements to the home on Ms. Applewhite's property. The existing road accesses game land and the subject property on the south side of Lyerly Road (SR 1771).

I recommend approval subject to the following condition:

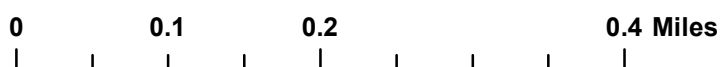
- WRC bears no associated expense,
- the easement serve no commercial purpose,
- the easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided, and
- the easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of state property.

Division of Engineering and Lands Management
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Access Easement Request Emily Applewhite Second Creek GL - Rowan County



February 22, 2015



February 6, 2015

Isaac Harrold
N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission
P.O. Box 149
Hoffman, North Carolina 28347
Via Email: Isaac.harrold@ncwildlife.org

Dear Mr. Harrold,

I am requesting an easement of 30 feet in width and approximately 180 feet in length in field #0 which is 18.4 acres on Exhibit "B" and lays South of Lyerly Road. This easement will enable me as the landowner of the Homeplace Tract (2.255 acres) as referenced on Exhibit "A" of the Thompson Farm with the house, barn and outbuildings to obtain a legal "right-of-way" to the land. Currently, we have access through an "easement by prescription," however, it has been brought to our attention that we must have a legal "right of way" for purposes of borrowing against the house and land to make needed upgrades and additions to the house and land.

Johnny Moore, d/b/a, Moore Farm, Inc., has subsequently requested an easement on the same portion of land as an access to the Thompson Farm and what will soon be his land. The Thompson Farm has an Agricultural Conservation Easement that was granted on December 31, 2013 by The Landtrust of Central North Carolina, Inc., which is a non-profit North Carolina corporation, and who's address is Post Office Box 4284, Salisbury, North Carolina 28145 for the purpose of conserving the agricultural productivity forever.

In the event that you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Emily I. Applewhite

206 Mitchell Avenue

Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

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EXHIBIT I

March 5, 2015

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Game Land Regulations for 2015-2016

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
G1	Define target shooting as "the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping or self-defense".	125 :Agree 16 :Disagree	25 :Online 116 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G2	Prohibit the use of dogs for taking deer on those portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting Zones", except as may be otherwise authorized by permit.	95 :Agree 80 :Disagree	22 :Online 153 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G3	Prohibit target shooting on the following game lands, with the exception of designated shooting ranges: Angola Bay Game Land (Duplin and Pender counties); Cape Fear River Game Land (New Hanover and Pender counties); R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell (Caswell County); Holly Shelter Game Land (Pender County); Nicholson Creek Game Land (Hoke County); Rockfish Creek Game Land (Hoke County); Sampson County Game Land (Sampson County); Sandhills Game Land (Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties); and Stones Creek Game Land (Onslow County).	110 :Agree 33 :Disagree	23 :Online 119 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email
G4	Prohibit target shooting on the following game lands: Buckridge Game Land (Tyrrell County) and Buxton Woods Game Land (Dare County).	93 :Agree 32 :Disagree	18 :Online 106 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email
G5	Prohibit horseback riding on Harris Game Land (Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties).	95 :Agree 31 :Disagree	20 :Online 106 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G6	Modify the current rule pertaining to horseback riding on Jordan Game Land (Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties) such that riders, other than youth under 16 years of age, are required to possess a Game Lands License or other license which includes the game lands privilege to ride horses on posted equestrian trails that lie entirely within the game land boundary.	106 :Agree 17 :Disagree	20 :Online 103 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G7	Regulate the use of horses on Pee Dee River Game Land (Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties) by restricting equestrian use to the months of June, July, August, and Sundays the remainder of the year except during the open turkey and deer seasons, on roads which are open and maintained for vehicular traffic.	110 :Agree 41 :Disagree	18 :Online 114 :Comment Card 19 :Letter/Email
G8	Expand the opportunity for horseback riding on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County, which is currently May 16 through August 31, to also include Sundays throughout the months of September and October.	95 :Agree 27 :Disagree	16 :Online 106 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G9	Amend rules regarding the use of horses on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land (Caswell County) and Thurmond Chatham Game Land (Alleghany and Wilkes counties) to exempt youth under 16 years of age from the requirement to obtain a Game Lands License or other license containing the game land privilege.	102 :Agree 19 :Disagree	15 :Online 106 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G10	Designate Lewis Millpond on Uwharrie Game Land in Montgomery County as a managed waterfowl impoundment and limit waterfowl hunting to three days per week, holidays and opening and closing days.	101 :Agree 10 :Disagree	15 :Online 96 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G11	Change the opening day of the Deer Archery Season from the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the Saturday on or nearest September 10 on Buffalo Cove Game Land (Caldwell and Wilkes counties) and South Mountains Game Land (Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties).	126 :Agree 5 :Disagree	24 :Online 107 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G12	Clarify that only people using wildlife to train or run dogs need a hunting license.	120 :Agree 21 :Disagree	19 :Online 122 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G13	Require only active participants in fields trials using wildlife to possess a hunting license (and game land license for field trials taking place on game lands) from North Carolina or another state. Define active field trial participant as a person who handles dogs or uses firearms at a field trial.	121 :Agree 8 :Disagree	15 :Online 114 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
G14	Clarify that only judges of commission-sanctioned field trials using wildlife are exempted from the requirement to possess a hunting license. Judges of other types of field trials using wildlife must have a N.C. hunting license.	101 :Agree 18 :Disagree	13 :Online 106 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Game Lands)		19 :Online 20 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email

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In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letter representing an organization*:

- 1) Opposed to prohibiting horseback riding on Harris Game Land (G5)
North Carolina Horse Council, signed by Sue Gray, Executive Director

- 2) Supports proposed changes to horseback riding on Jordan, PeeDee River, Pond Mountain, R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell and Thurmond Chatham game lands. (G6, G7, G8, G9 & G10)
North Carolina Horse Council, signed by Sue Gray, Executive Director

*Complete letter provided electronically. Hard copies available upon request.

EXHIBIT J

March 5, 2015

PROPOSED CHANGES IN GAME LAND MANAGEMENT FOR 2015-2016 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- G1) Define target shooting as “the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping or self-defense”.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 4)
- G2) Prohibit the use of dogs for taking deer on those portions of game lands posted as “Restricted Deer Hunting Zones”, except as may be otherwise authorized by permit.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 4)
- G3) Prohibit target shooting on the following game lands, with the exception of designated shooting ranges:
- Angola Bay Game Land (Duplin and Pender counties)
 - Cape Fear River Game Land (New Hanover and Pender counties)
 - R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell (Caswell County)
 - Holly Shelter Game Land (Pender County)
 - Nicholson Creek Game Land (Hoke County)
 - Rockfish Creek Game Land (Hoke County)
 - Sampson County Game Land (Sampson County)
 - Sandhills Game Land (Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties)
 - Stones Creek Game Land (Onslow County)
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (pages 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 20)
- G4) Prohibit target shooting on the following game lands:
- Buckridge Game Land (Tyrrell County)
 - Buxton Woods Game Land (Dare County)
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (pages 10 and 11)
- G5) Prohibit horseback riding on Harris Game Land (Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties).
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 14)

- G6) Modify the current rule pertaining to horseback riding on Jordan Game Land (Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties) such that riders, other than youth under 16 years of age, are required to possess a Game Land License or other license which includes the game lands privilege to ride horses on posted equestrian trails that lie entirely within the game land boundary.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 15)
- G7) Regulate the use of horses on Pee Dee River Game Land (Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties) by allowing equestrian use the months of June, July, August and Sundays the remainder of the year, except during the open turkey and deer seasons, on roads which are open and maintained for vehicular traffic.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (pages 17 and 18)
- G8) Expand the opportunity for horseback riding on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County, which is currently May 16 through August 31, to also include Sundays throughout the months of September and October.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 18)
- G9) Amend rules regarding the use of horses on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land (Caswell County) and Thurmond Chatham Game Land (Alleghany and Wilkes counties) to exempt youth under 16 years of age from the requirement to obtain a Game Land License or other license containing the game land privilege.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (pages 12 and 21)
- G10) Designate Lewis Millpond on Uwharrie Game Land in Montgomery County as a managed waterfowl impoundment and limit waterfowl hunting to three days per week, holidays and opening and closing days.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 21)
- G11) Change the opening day of the Deer Archery Season from the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the Saturday on or nearest September 10 on Buffalo Cove Game Land (Caldwell and Wilkes counties) and South Mountains Game Land (Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties).
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (pages 10 and 20)
- G12) Clarify that only people using wildlife to train or run dogs need a hunting license.
Adopt amendments to the following rule:
 15A NCAC 10B .0114 Dog training and field trials (page 24)

- G13) Require only active participants in field trials to possess a hunting license (and game land license for field trials taking place on game lands). For commission-sanctioned field trials, the license may be from the participant's state of residence. For all other field trials, the license must be a N.C. hunting license. Define active field trial participant as a person who handles dogs or uses firearms at a field trial.

Adopt amendments to the following rules:

15A NCAC 10B .0114 Dog training and field trials (page 24)

15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 5)

- G14) Clarify that only judges of commission-sanctioned field trials are exempted from the requirement to possess a hunting license, that judges of other types of field trials must have a N.C. hunting license.

Adopt amendments to the following rules:

15A NCAC 10B .0114 Dog training and field trials (page 24)

15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 5)

1 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

2 (a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed
4 from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each
5 day's hunt.
6 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping or
7 self-defense.
8 (3) "Youth" are individuals under 16 years of age.

9 ~~(b)~~ (a) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by
10 the landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have
11 additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- 12 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow
13 and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open
14 days of any applicable deer season.
15 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No
16 person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety
17 zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
18 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the
19 use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
20 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
21 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having
22 obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources
23 Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary
24 purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry can
25 demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting
26 official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific
27 investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
28 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
29 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
30 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
31 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary
32 Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical
33 features or activities occurring on the area.
34 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the
35 discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
36 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting
37 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit.

38 The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing
39 an archery, a restricted firearms, a restricted zone, or a restricted deer hunting zone. After the input meeting, the
40 public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

41 ~~(c)~~ (b) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land
42 except in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No
43 garbage dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county
44 or municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

45 ~~(d)~~ (e) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- 46 (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area,
47 except where posted otherwise;
48 (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on
49 Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
50 (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and
51 Jordan Game Lands.

52 No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any
53 posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used
54 while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in
55 G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Buckhorn, Butner-
56 Falls of Neuse, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Jordan, Kerr Scott, Lee, Mayo, Sutton Lake, and Vance game lands and Pee

1 Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74, and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located
2 north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed
3 hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- 4 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length
5 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- 6 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- 7 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- 8 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

9 ~~(e)(d)~~ Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- 10 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph ~~(4)~~ ~~(2)~~ of this Paragraph, any person entering
11 upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, ~~or running dogs or training dogs using~~
12 ~~wildlife participating in dog training or field trial activities~~ shall have in his ~~or her~~ possession a
13 game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping licenses, ~~or a license that~~
14 ~~conveys the game land use privilege licenses. —A field trial participant is defined as a judge,~~
15 ~~handler, scout or owner.~~
- 16 ~~(2)~~ For commission-sanctioned field trials, the following persons shall possess a game lands license in
17 addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting or trapping license, or a license that conveys
18 the game land use privilege: active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in a field
19 trial using wildlife, except non-residents may substitute licenses from their state(s) of
20 residence.
- 21 ~~(3)~~ For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants
22 shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting or
23 trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege
- 24 ~~(4)(2)~~ Exceptions:
 - 25 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or
26 legal guardian;
 - 27 (B) ~~the resident and nonresident sportsman's licenses include game lands use privileges;~~
 - 28 (C) ~~judges and nonresidents participating in field trials under the circumstances set forth in~~
29 ~~Paragraph (e) of this Rule may do so without the game lands license; or~~
 - 30 ~~(B)(D)~~ on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
31 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
32 landowners.

33 ~~(f)(e)~~ Field Trials and Training Dogs. A person serving as judge of a field trial that, pursuant to a written request
34 from the sponsoring organization, has been authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence on a game land by an
35 authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and any nonresident handler, scout, or owner
36 participating therein may participate without procuring a game lands license, provided such nonresident has in his
37 possession a valid hunting license issued by the state of his residence. Any individual or organization sponsoring a
38 field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility shall file with the Commission an
39 application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred
40 dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00
41 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled
42 day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run
43 but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to
44 sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of
45 persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills
46 Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or
47 use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility
48 shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used
49 only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of
50 field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than
51 four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may
52 be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week
53 so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field
54 Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18
55 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources
56 Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by

1 individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on
2 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run
3 unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95 except when participating in field
4 trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed
5 from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95 except when participating in field trials
6 sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special
7 hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or
8 allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be
9 authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial
10 facilities and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field
11 trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when
12 they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict
13 with the primary goals of the agency.

14 ~~(g)~~ Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302 and .0303, trapping of
15 furbearing animals is permitted on game lands during the applicable open seasons, except that trapping is prohibited:

- 16 (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- 17 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- 18 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,
19 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- 20 (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and
- 21 (5) on the Dupont State Forest Game Lands.

22 On those areas of state-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands controlled trapping is
23 allowed under a permit system.

24 ~~(h)~~ Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads
25 constructed, maintained and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such
26 person:

- 27 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game
28 Land; or
- 29 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access
30 Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in
31 Paragraph (m).

32 ~~(i)~~ Camping. No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for
33 camping.

34 ~~(j)~~ Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

35 ~~(k)~~ Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the
36 Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran
37 Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the
38 Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or more
39 of the following disabilities:

- 40 (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- 41 (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- 42 (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and
43 lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- 44 (4) disease or injury or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- 45 (5) deafness.

46 On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may
47 operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles or other passenger vehicles:

- 48 (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- 49 (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
50 travel.

51 Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession
52 the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and
53 their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-
54 permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game
55 Land.

1 ~~(l)(4)~~ Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds,
2 domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes,
3 or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move
4 wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall
5 be given when release of such animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be
6 harmful to native wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals
7 of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

8 (m)(4) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway
9 use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of
10 this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence
11 but must comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal
12 Americans with Disabilities Act, may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use
13 on any area where foot travel is allowed.

14 (n)(m) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence
15 submitted by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal
16 utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may
17 operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road
18 open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise
19 closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose
20 owners have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in
21 the game land rules and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads,
22 paths, or trails planted to wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to
23 each qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is
24 at all times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful
25 activities while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified
26 disabled person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the
27 Wildlife Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission
28 staff outside the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of this
29 Rule and those holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl
30 blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

31 (o)(n) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on any Game Land, including land or
32 water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully
33 opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the
34 areola while in a public place.

35 ~~(e) Definitions: For the purpose of this Subchapter "Permanent Hunting Blind" is defined as any structure that is
36 used for hunter concealment, constructed from man made or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and
37 removed at the end of each day's hunt.~~

38 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated
39 shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting
40 skills or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires,
41 operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are
42 prohibited, except that activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued
43 may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife
44 enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall
45 deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay
46 targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any
47 items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a
48 location or position that it will prevent, impede or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No
49 person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or
50 zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any
51 firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot
52 into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall
53 shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except
54 that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or
55 injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range must obey posted range safety rules and those persons who
56 violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard must leave the shooting range if directed to by law

1 enforcement officers or Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while
2 under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting
3 range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such signs
4 will be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any act
5 which is prohibited or neglect to do any act which is required by signs or markings placed on such area under
6 authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

7 (q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are
8 open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and
9 closing times.

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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
3 alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the
4 use of the 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
6 gates, 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
12 hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game
13 animal or 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.

19 On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and
20 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the
21 impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any
22 bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so
23 mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without
24 prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made
25 based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take
26 any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

27 (e) Definitions:

- 28 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
29 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
30 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 31 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
32 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
33 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
34 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
35 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed
36 under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays,
37 until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 38 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
39 game may be taken during the open seasons.

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

42 (g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas, bears shall not be taken on
43 lands designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only elsewhere in this Chapter.
44 Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run
45 unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the
46 counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

47 (h) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

- 48 (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
 - 49 (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - 50 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
51 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion in Montgomery county and
52 deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season in those portions in Davie, Davidson, Rowan and Stanly counties.
 - 54 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.
- 55 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
 - 56 (A) Six Day 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 may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
4 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 5 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season.
9 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties
11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
13 Antlers Season.
- 14 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
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 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
19 (A) Three Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
22 (C) Except for muzzle-loaders, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
23 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
24 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
25 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
26 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 27 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
28 (A) Six Days per Week Area
29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
30 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
31 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 32 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
33 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
34 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 35 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
37 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 38 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
39 (A) Three Days per Week Area
40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
41 Antlers Season.
42 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
43 and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any
44 of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those
45 days.
46 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 47 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
48 (A) Six Days per Week Area
49 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
50 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
51 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the ~~Saturday~~ Monday on or nearest
52 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
53 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
54 Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on
55 or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
56 Deer With Visible Antlers season.

- 1 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 6 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
8 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 9 (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville and Wake counties
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
12 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 14 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 15 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 16 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 17 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
18 hunting after November 1.
- 19 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 20 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 21 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 22 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
23 Falls Lake.
- 24 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
25 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
26 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 27 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
28 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 29 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
30 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are
31 prohibited in this camping area.
- 32 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season.
- 36 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 37 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 38 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 39 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
40 Antlers Season.
- 41 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 42 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
43 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
44 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 45 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 46 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 47 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 48 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
49 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 50 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 51 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 52 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 53 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
54 Visible Antlers Season.
- 55 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
56 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding

- 1 is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic. ~~Participants must obtain a game~~
2 ~~lands license as set forth in 15A NCAC 10G prior to engaging in such activity. People~~
3 ~~age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.~~
- 4 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
5 hunting and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection
6 of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
7 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
8 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
9 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
- 10 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
11 November 1.
- 12 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
13 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 14 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- 15 (18) Catawba Game Land in Catawba County
16 (A) Three Days per Week Area
17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
18 Antlers Season.
19 (C) Deer may be taken with bow and arrow only from the tract known as Molly's Backbone.
- 20 (19) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
21 (A) Six Days per Week Area
22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
23 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
24 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
25 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during
26 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
27 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 28 (20) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County
29 (A) Six Days per Week Area
30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
31 Visible Antlers Season.
- 32 (21) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
35 Season.
- 36 (22) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.
37 (A) Six Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
39 Antlers Season.
40 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season
41 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season
42 except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of
43 Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine
44 Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for
45 the Gates County bear season.
46 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
47 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 48 (23) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
49 (A) Six Days per Week Area
50 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
51 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
52 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.
- 54 (24) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
55 (A) Three 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 (25) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven and Jones counties
4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
6 Antlers Season.
7 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
8 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
9 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
10 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
11 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
12 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish
13 Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
14 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted
15 areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 16 (26) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
17 (A) Six Days per Week Area
18 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
19 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
20 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
21 guides do not use a firearm.
22 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or
23 shoreline.
24 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day
25 of their hunt.
26 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
27 or blind to a tree.
28 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
29 season.
- 30 (27) Dare Game Land in Dare County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
33 Visible Antlers Season.
34 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
35 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 36 (28) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
37 (A) Six Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
39 season.
- 40 (29) Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
41 (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
42 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit
43 holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- 44 (30) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
45 (A) Six Days per Week Area
46 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
47 Visible Antlers Season.
- 48 (31) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
49 (A) Six Days per Week Area
50 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
51 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
52 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 53 (32) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
54 (A) Six Days per Week Area
55 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
56 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
2 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
3 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
4 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
5 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
6 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
7 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
8 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
9 Creek, and Hobucken.
10 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
11 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the
12 trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period
13 November 1 through March 15.
14 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
15 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
16 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
17 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
18 opportunity permit.
- 19 (33) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
23 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 24 (34) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick 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 (35) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
29 (A) Six 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) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
33 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
34 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
35 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
36 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
37 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
38 (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
39 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season,
40 except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 41 (36) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
42 (A) Six Days per Week Area
43 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
44 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
45 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
46 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
47 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
48 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
49 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
50 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
51 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
52 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 53 (37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
54 (A) Three Days per Week Area
55 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
56 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
2 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
3 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
4 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
5 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
6 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
7 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
8 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
9 bear hunting are permit only.
10 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited on that portion of the game land
11 that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road,
12 north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road.
13 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
14 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
15 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
16 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on
17 and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
18 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
19 (38) Hyco Game land in Person County
20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
22 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
23 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
24 (39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
25 (40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
26 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
27 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
28 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
29 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
30 permits.
31 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
32 (41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season.
36 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
37 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
38 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
39 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
40 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail
41 and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is
42 permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for
43 use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during
44 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open
45 turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride on trails occurring entirely
46 within the game land boundaries must possess a Game Lands license.
47 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
48 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
49 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
50 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
51 seasons for game birds and game animals.
52 (42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
53 (A) Six Days per Week Area
54 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers
55 Season.

- 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.
3 (43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
5 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
6 (C) Use of muzzleloaders, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer
7 With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
8 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
9 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
10 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 Antlers season.
12 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
13 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
14 (44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington 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) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
19 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
20 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
21 (45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
24 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
25 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
26 (46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
27 (A) Six 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 (47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With
33 Visible Antlers Season.
34 (48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
35 (A) Six Days per Week Area
36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
37 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
38 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
39 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
40 (49) Mayo Game Land in Person County
41 (A) Six Days per Week Area
42 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
43 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
44 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
45 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
46 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
47 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
48 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
49 (50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
50 (A) Three Days per Week Area
51 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible
52 Antlers Season.
53 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
54 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
55 (51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
56 counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
3 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
4 (52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
6 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
7 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
8 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
9 (53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
10 (A) Six 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 (54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
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 (55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
18 (A) Three Days per Week Area
19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
20 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
21 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open hunting days
22 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second
23 week thereafter.
24 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
25 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
26 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
27 Antlers Season.
28 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
29 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
30 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
31 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
32 (ii) Swimming.
33 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
34 (56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
35 (A) Six 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.
38 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
39 shoreline.
40 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
41 (57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
42 (A) Six Days per Week Area
43 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
44 Antlers Season.
45 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
46 shoreline.
47 (58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
48 (A) Six Days per Week Area
49 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
50 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
51 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties
52 North of US-74.
53 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
54 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
55 following times:
56 (i) during June, July, and August; and

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- (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
 - (69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:
 - (i) deer may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the bow-and-arrow season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving; with legal muzzleloading firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the muzzleloader season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with all legal weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
 - (iii) opossum, raccoon, and squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
 - (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season; and
 - (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt.
 - (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
 - (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the muzzleloader season as stated in this Subparagraph.
 - (E) Muzzleloader season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on all open hunting days during the muzzleloader season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
 - (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and dog training on birds:
 - (i) In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;
 - (ii) In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.
 - (J) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless riding in authorized field trials.
 - (K) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
 - (L) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
 - (71) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
3 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
5 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
6 (72) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
7 (A) Three Days per Week Area
8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer with Visible
9 Antlers season.
10 (C) 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 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
13 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(e).
14 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of
15 dove season.
16 (73) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
17 (74) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties
18 (A) Six Days per Week Area
19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
20 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
21 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
22 (75) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties
23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
24 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the
25 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
26 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the ~~Saturday~~ ~~Monday~~ on or nearest
27 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
28 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer
29 may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or
30 nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
31 Deer With Visible Antlers season.
32 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season.
34 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
35 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
36 (E) That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford
37 counties is closed to all grouse, quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training.
38 (76) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
39 (A) Six-Day per Week Area
40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
41 Antlers Season.
42 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
43 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
44 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
45 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
46 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
47 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
48 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
49 (77) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
50 (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
51 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
52 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
53 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
54 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
55 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
56 (78) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
3 Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
5 (79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
6 (80) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
9 Visible Antlers Season.
10 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
11 (81) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
12 (A) Six Days per Week Area
13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
14 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
15 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
16 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. ~~Participants~~
17 ~~must obtain a game lands license prior to horseback riding on this area. People age 16 or~~
18 ~~older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.~~
19 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
20 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
21 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
22 (82) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
25 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
26 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
27 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
28 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
29 (83) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season.
33 (C) 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 (84) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the
38 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
39 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
40 days:
41 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
42 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
43 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
44 (85) Vance Game Land in Vance County
45 (A) Six Days per Week Area
46 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
47 Antlers Season.
48 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
49 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
50 (86) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.
54 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
55 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
56 (87) 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 and through the end of the
10 waterfowl season, 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;
14 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
15 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
16 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
17 (88) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
18 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
19 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
20 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
21 (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
22 applications must be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates
23 of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt,
24 and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill must validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperater
25 agent or by phone.
26 (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
27 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:
28 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
29 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
30 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
31 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
32 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
33 (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
34 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—Dupont State Forest Game Lands.
35 (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
36 Commission. Written permission will be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
37 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
38 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
39 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the
40 public interest.
41 (l) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal using any legal
42 manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that
43 allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear and during the applicable deer or bear season.
44 (m) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt
45 on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where
46 prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule. ~~A youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age.~~
47 (n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for
48 participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during
49 the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited
50 weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.
51 (o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.
52 (p) When waterfowl hunting is specifically permitted in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days
53 fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.
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55 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
56 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

1 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*
2 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995;*
3 *September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*
4 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*
5 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
6 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
7 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
8 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
9 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*
10 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011;*
11 *August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May*
12 *1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004.*
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0114 DOG TRAINING AND FIELD TRIALS**

2 (a) For purposes of Subchapters B and D, the following definitions apply:

3 (1) "Commission-sanctioned field trial" means a field trial that, pursuant to a written request from the
4 sponsoring organization, has been authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence by an
5 authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

6 (2) "Active participant" means a person participating in a field trial who handles dogs or uses a
7 firearm.

8 ~~(b) (a) Except as provided in Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule, each~~ Each person using wildlife to train or run
9 ~~engaged in training or running a dog or dogs and each active participant in a field trial shall have obtained shall~~
10 ~~possess a North Carolina hunting license. The term "active participant" as used herein includes each person who~~
11 ~~owns or handles dogs, carries a firearm, or is a member of an organized group engaged in the conduct of a field trial,~~
12 ~~but does not include a person who is observing a field trial incidentally or who has stopped to witness a part of it.~~

13 ~~(c) (b) A person serving as judge of a commission-sanctioned field trial is exempted from any license requirements,~~
14 ~~and any nonresident participating therein may do so without having a North Carolina license, provided the~~
15 ~~nonresident has in his possession a valid hunting license issued by the state of his residence. A "commission-~~
16 ~~sanctioned" field trial is one that, pursuant to a written request from the sponsoring organization, has been~~
17 ~~authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence by an authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources~~
18 ~~Commission. Judges of non-sanctioned field trials using wildlife shall possess a North Carolina hunting license.~~

19 (d) Except as exempted in Paragraph e of this Rule, the following applies to active participants in field trials:

20 (1) North Carolina residents participating in any field trial that uses wildlife shall have a N.C. hunting
21 license;

22 (2) non-residents participating in a commission- sanctioned field trial that uses wildlife shall possess a
23 N.C. hunting license or a hunting license from his or her state of residence; and

24 (3) non-residents participating in other types of field trials that use wildlife shall possess a N.C.
25 hunting license

26 ~~(e) (e)~~ Persons without a license may participate in commission-sanctioned field trials for beagles conducted
27 without firearms on private field trial areas that are fenced in accordance with G.S. 113-276(k).

28 ~~(f) (d)~~ Except as allowed by rules pertaining to authorized field trials, it is unlawful to carry axes, saws or climbing
29 irons while training or running dogs during closed season on game animals.

30 ~~(g) (e)~~ On a commission-sanctioned field trial for retrievers or bird dogs, shotguns containing live ammunition or
31 firearms using only blank ammunition may be used only when the application for and the authorization of the field
32 trial so provide. No wild waterfowl, quail or pheasant shall be used in field trials when shotguns with live
33 ammunition are permitted. All waterfowl, quail and pheasants so used shall be obtained from a licensed game bird
34 propagator. Each specimen of waterfowl so obtained shall be marked by one of the methods provided by 50 C.F.R.
35 21.13. Each pheasant or quail so obtained shall be banded by the propagator prior to delivery with a leg band that is
36 imprinted with the number of his or her propagation license. The purchaser of the birds shall obtain a copy of the
37 receipt from the propagator showing the date and the number and species of birds purchased. The copy of the
38 receipt shall be available for inspection by any authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission during the
39 time and at the place where the trial is being held.

40 ~~(h) (f)~~ Applications for authorization of a field trial shall be submitted in writing to a Wildlife Enforcement Officer
41 at least 30 days prior to the scheduled event.

42 ~~(i) (g)~~ Pursuant to G.S. 113-291.1(d), hunters may train dogs using shotguns with shot of number 4 size or smaller
43 during the closed season using domestically raised waterfowl and domestically raised game birds. Only nontoxic
44 shot shall be used when training dogs using domestically raised waterfowl. All domestically raised waterfowl shall
45 be individually tagged on one leg with a seamless band stamped with the number of the propagation license for the
46 facility from which the domestically raised waterfowl originated. All other domestically raised game birds shall be
47 individually tagged on one leg with a band indicating the propagation license number for the facility from which the
48 birds originated.

50 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-276; 113-291.1; 113-291.5; 50 C.F.R. 21.13;*

51 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

52 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2015, January 1, 2013; January 1, 2012; May 1, 2006; July 1, 1995; July 1,*
53 *1994; July 1, 1991; May 1, 1990.*

EXHIBIT K

March 5, 2015



Permanent Rule-making for a No-wake Zone in Grandy, Currituck County

The proposed permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0340, requested by Currituck County, would establish a no-wake zone at Waterview Shores subdivision in Grandy, Currituck County. Currituck County will be responsible for purchase and placement of no wake markers.

Proposed Location of No-wake Zone

The proposed no wake zone would include the waters in all the canals in the Waterview Shores subdivision in the Village of Grandy. The regulated area begins at the entrances to the subdivision from Dowdy Bay (Poplar Branch Bay) at 36.25148N, 75.87061W; 36.24981N, 75.87042W; and 36.24872N, 75.87055W.

Summary of Public Comments

One public hearing was held in Edenton, N.C. on January 20, 2015. No comments were received.

Staff recommends the Commission adopt the following amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0340:

15A NCAC 10F .0340 CURRITUCK COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the waters and portion of waters described as follows:

- (1) Bell's Island. The waters contained in all the canals on Bell's Island.
- (2) Walnut Island Subdivision. The waters in all the canals in the Walnut Island subdivision in the Village of Grandy.
- (3) Waterview Shores Subdivision. The waters in all the canals in the Waterview Shores subdivision in the Village of Grandy. The regulated area begins at the entrances to the subdivision from Dowdy Bay (Poplar Branch Bay) at 36.25148N, 75.87061W; 36.24981N, 75.87042W; and 36.24872N, 75.87055W.
- ~~(3)~~(4) Neal's Creek Landing. Those waters of Currituck Sound within 50 yards of Neal's Creek Landing as delineated by appropriate markers.
- ~~(4)~~(5) Tull's Bay.
 - (A) Those waters of Tull's Creek within 50 yards upstream and 50 yards downstream of and within the canal leading to Tull's Bay Marina as delineated by appropriate markers.
 - (B) Those waters which constitute the canals of the Tull's Bay Colony subdivision and 50 yards north along the Mississippi Canal from its intersection with Elizabeth Canal.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;
Eff. May 1, 1982;

Amended Eff. May 1, 2015; July 1, 1993; January 1, 1991; December 1, 1990; January 1, 1989.

15A NCAC 10F .0340 (a) (3) No Wake Zone - Proposed
Waterview Shores Subdivision Canals, Grandy, Currituck County



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*Dowdys Bay
(Poplar Branch Bay)*

- Begin NWZ Points
- ▨ Subdivision Canals - Requested NWZ
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March 5, 2015



Summary of Comments – Public Hearing February 19, 2015 in Charlotte

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No other comments were received.

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing organizations*:

- 1) Supports the proposed no-wake zones on Lake Wylie.
U.S. National Whitewater Center submitted by Trey Knight, Kayak Program Manager
- 2) Opposed to the proposed no-wake zones on Lake Wylie in their current form.
Catawba River Group, signed by Tom Davis and Joe Phillips, spokesmen

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Support:

- 1) "I support these no wake zones."
- 2) "My upmost concern is for the safety of everyone in boats and on boards and kayaks. Fully support. You can't regulate common sense."
- 3) "I concur with the permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F. 0333 to establish the no-wake zones on both sides of Sadler Island. Safety trumps any inconvenience. The power boaters may have to endure by slowing down for a few minutes while transiting the area. The Wildlife Commission officers handled the questions very professionally, clearly, and calmly. 'We never had to do that before,' is a bad answer. Times have changed and the no wake zones accommodate that change. The position that the area is being 'shut down' is spurious."
- 4) "I support the No Wake Zones."
- 5) "I support the No Wake Restrictions."

Opposed:

- 1) "We need to settle this thing fairly."
- 2) "Need to modify no wake zones to accommodate thru traffic; need to codify [APA] rules for non-motorized craft; need to require vendors to communicate [APA] rules to customers."
- 3) "Vendors need to be held responsible for their clients – that responsibility cannot be released via waiver. Violations & incidents should be shared between the individual and the vendor with the vendor having the greater financial burdens."
- 4) "Need a fair plan to boaters, local residents and businesses that rent kayaks on the river. Safety & training and boaters rights need to be considered. Tax & license kayaks for rent to fund the cost to manage kayak areas. Limit the amount of kayaks to rental facilities to cap the congestion on the river."
- 5) "I do not agree with imposing the proposed wake zones."

No Opinion:

- 1) "No Opinion"
- 2) 3 blank cards

USNWC Comment RE: NC Wildlife Resources Commission Rule Making on the Catawba River at Sadler Island

The U.S. National Whitewater Center's mission is to build stronger communities by providing healthy and active lifestyles, developing environmental stewardship, and encouraging family and civic interaction. The Catawba River plays a vital role in this mission as it provides a direct connection to an invaluable public natural recreational resource. Recreational paddling is one of the fastest growing sports in the country today, as millions of Americans are discovering how to live a healthy, active lifestyle by integrating paddling into their life. By connecting with the river, as families and communities, people are more willing to be stewards of the river and the greater natural environment. Through the connection and joy of paddling on a river, people's tie to that public natural resource is strengthened and through this their resolve to protect and care for the environment is also strengthened.

The U.S. National Whitewater Center is in favor of the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission's temporary and subsequent permanent rulemaking to install no-wake zones on either side of Sadler Island on the Catawba River. The growth of human powered recreation on the Catawba River has allowed for many people to enjoy this public natural resource and by having these no-wakes zones the environment in which they have chosen to recreate will be even more conducive for users of human powered watercraft. This environment will allow for these users to continue enjoying a healthy and active lifestyle that will connect them to the environment strengthening their environmental stewardship and awareness. The most effective way to care for a natural resource is to have more people engage in the issues around that resource, and there are few ways that connect a person to the environment as does paddlesports.

The Catawba River Group Position Paper

No-Wake Zones Whitewater Center & Tailrace Marina

February 14, 2015

**Re: NC Wildlife Public Hearing - No Wake Zone @ Cook's Memorial Church
Fellowship Hall, 7 PM, Thursday, February 19, 2015**

Background:

On June 23, 2014 the Lake Wylie Marine Commission approved a recommendation to NC Wildlife Commission to make *the wide channel in front of Tailrace Marina and the full length of Sadler Island a no wake zone and direct power boaters into the canal beside Sadler Island which is adjacent to the Whitewater rental dock.*

In response the Catawba River Group recommended:

Placing two (2) no wake buoys north and south of the Tailrace Marina ONLY reducing the no wake zone transition to approximately 6 minutes.

Educate customers of kayak vendors (Tailrace Marina and Whitewater Center) by posting signs at the wide channel.

Vendors provide to kayak renters the American Canoe Association literature on safe operating procedures with emphasis on crossing the main channel at a 90 angle and staying right or left in the channel with no loitering in the middle of the river.

Current Status:

The NC Wildlife Commission is recommending the entire narrow channel east of Sadler Island be a no wake zone in front of the Whitewater Center. The NC Wildlife accepted the recommendation of the Catawba River Group to limit the no wake zone directly in front of the Tailrace Marina. This addition in turn invokes a no wake zone for the entire width of the river.

Changes:

On Dec 14, 2014 the Whitewater Center advised the LWMC of their intent to expand their existing dock that will encompass 1/3 of the narrow waterway approaching Sadler Island. The Whitewater Center is also requesting authority to pump 792 thousand gallons of water daily out of the river because they do not want to pay a water bill (to the city). This action contradicts the original promise of the Whitewater Center of "*no impact on the river*", as the dock expansion will only generate more kayak rentals and associated congestion to the main body of water.

RECOMMENDATION Addendum:

The shoreline between Whitewater Center and Tailrace Marina measures 1400 feet. The Catawba River Group recommends this section of the river be divided evenly, three ways with the center or wide part of the river dedicated to power boaters/fishermen "year round" and a speed limit be established at no more than 20 mph with prominent signs posted on the north and south end of Sadler Island.

No wake buoys can be anchored approx 400 feet off each shoreline to protect the Whitewater Center and Tailrace Marina. This allows ample footage for the 2 private vendors to operate in a safe and sound manner if they obey the American Canoe Association "rules of the road". The waterways are considered public trust assets. All water craft operators have rights and must "share" the river. It is inappropriate that for profit vendors (Tailrace Marina and Whitewater Center) to impact citizen's rights to the Catawba River.

Other recommendations:

- I. Promote legislation in the N.C. General Assembly to "codify" the American Canoe Association rules of the road that require kayaks to stay left or right of the waterways and cross at a 90 degree angle.
- II. Promote legislation to require registration and personal property taxes on kayaks for vendor operators. Kayaks and paddle boards should adhere to similar rules and fees as power boaters with all monies going to boat education and safety.
- III. Promote legislation to return the Marine Commission(s) to their original role of advisory and not regulatory.

In Summary, the Catawba River Group's main concern is for public safety and rights for ALL water craft operators. The Group consists of 200+ property owners who pay higher taxes to the city/county due to the proximity of navigable waters. Adverse changes affect all and impact land values. The Group supports the exciting land based activities at the Whitewater Center and Tailrace Marina which adds value to the area with the proposed food and fueling facilities; however the rights of all boat operators must be respected and an effective passageway must be allocated for year round boating.

Respectively submitted,
The Catawba River Group

Spokespersons

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March 5, 2015



Temporary Rule-making for No-wake Zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties

The Lake Wylie Marine Commission made application for rulemaking for no wake zones on Lake Wylie. Temporary rulemaking is necessary to allow placement of markers in the interest of safety before the boating season starts.

Proposed Location of No-wake Zones

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Staff recommends the Commission adopt the following temporary amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0333:

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NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, NC 911 Board

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Fiscal Note Review of Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Rule 15A NCAC 10F .0333

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(919) 707-0014
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Impact: State Government: No
Local Government: Yes
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

The proposed permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0333 (APPENDIX 1) establishes two no-wake zones on Lake Wylie at Sadler Island.

The Lake Wylie Marine Commission (comprised of representatives of Gaston and Mecklenburg counties, N.C. and York County, S.C.) made formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission requesting a no-wake zone at Sadler Island. The Commission reviewed the application and made modifications, resulting in two proposed no-wake zones, one east of the island and one west of the island. The modifications were subsequently approved by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.

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The Lake Wylie Marine Commission will mark the no-wake zones and maintain the buoys at a cost of no more than \$2,000.

State Impact Analysis: None.

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Substantial Economic Impact: There will be no substantial economic impact to the public.

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Permanent Rule-making for No-wake Zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties

The Lake Wylie Marine Commission made formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission requesting a no-wake zone on Lake Wylie west of Sadler Island. The Marine Commission advertised and held a public hearing and submitted a resolution requesting the Commission to promulgate rulemaking.

Law Enforcement assessed the request and made numerous sites visits. Based upon the safety issues present, officers recommend the Commission pursue rule-making, with modifications, for the original Lake Wylie Marine Commission request (Sadler Island west) and an additional no-wake zone (Sadler Island east). On the stretch of the Lake Wylie west of Sadler Island there is a business that rents kayaks and during certain times of the year there can be over 100 kayaks in the water at a time, some of which are rented by this business. The width of the lake between the lake's shore and Sadler Island is too narrow for a motorboat going at a high rate of speed to be able to safely navigate around such a high concentration of kayakers. In addition, a motorboat gas pump is planned for this stretch of the lake. The no-wake zone outlined on the map in this exhibit is shorter in length than the original requested by the Lake Wylie Commission. The assessment by the officers is that the shortened no-wake zone is sufficient to address safety concerns, coupled with the proposed no-wake zone east of Sadler Island.

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This permanent rule will replace the temporary rule adopted by the Commission on March 5, 2015.

Staff recommends the Commission notice the following permanent amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0333 in the *North Carolina Register* with one public hearing and open comment period of at least 60 days per the Administrative Procedure Act:

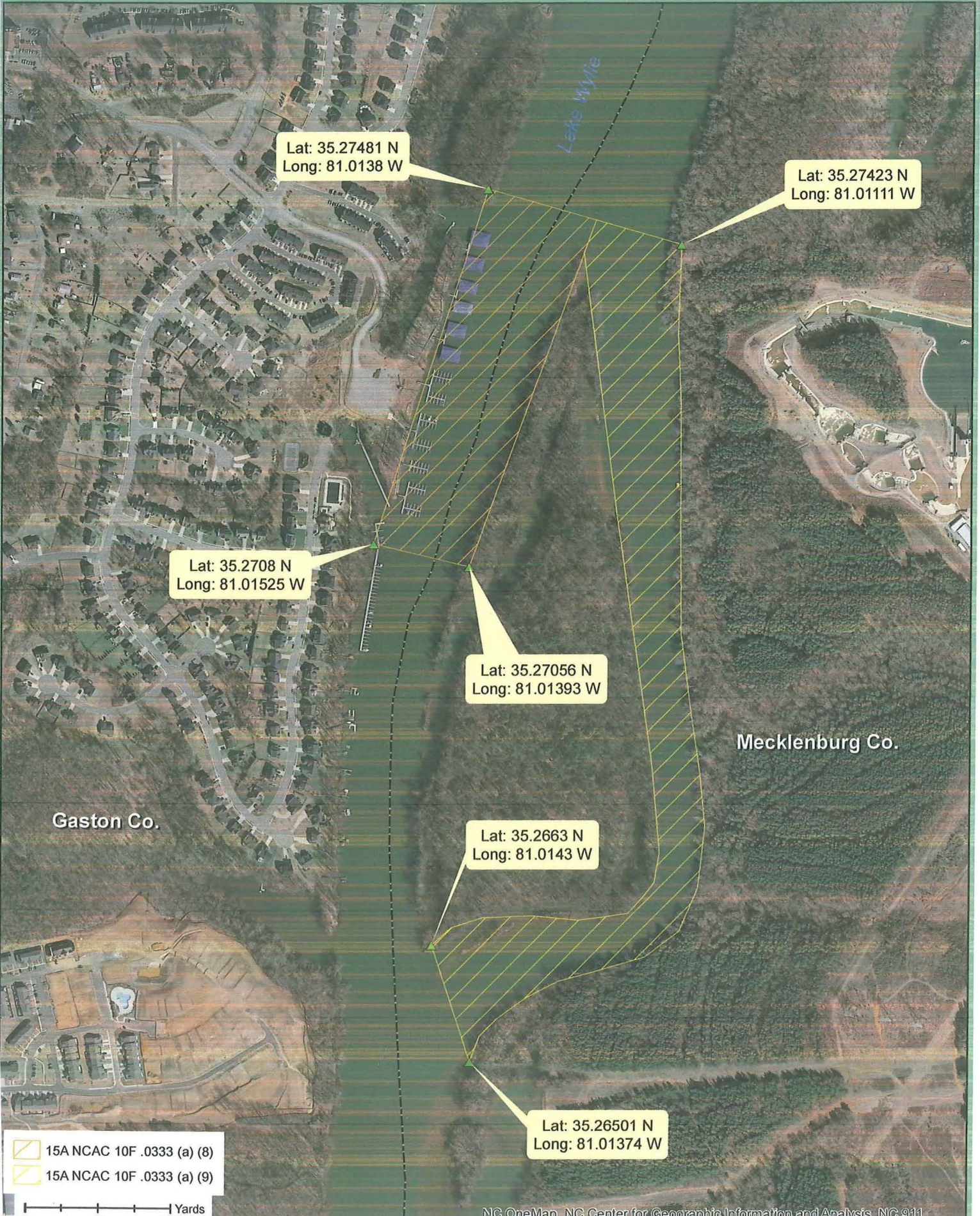
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