

1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 is proposed for amendment under temporary procedures as follows. Italicized text was  
2 amended and approved by the RRC at their April 2018 meeting, to become effective August 1:

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4 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

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

- 6 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 *through* the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday  
7 after Thanksgiving *through* January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland  
8 *counties*;
- 9 (2) Second Monday in November *through* January 1 in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,  
10 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, *Robeson*, and Sampson *counties*;
- 11 (3) Second *Saturday* in November *through* the *second Sunday thereafter* and the third *Saturday* after  
12 Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Beaufort, *Bertie*, Craven, *Hertford*,  
13 Jones, Martin, *and Washington counties*;
- 14 (4) *Second Saturday in November through the first Sunday after Thanksgiving and the third Saturday*  
15 *after Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties*;
- 16 (5) *Second Saturday in November through the second Sunday thereafter* and the third *Saturday* after  
17 Thanksgiving *through* the fifth *Sunday* after Thanksgiving in Currituck, Gates, and Perquimans  
18 *counties*;
- 19 (6) *Second Sunday in November through the following Sunday and the third Saturday after*  
20 *Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank*  
21 *counties*;
- 22 (7) *Third Saturday in November though the fifth Sunday thereafter in Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax,*  
23 *Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson counties; and*
- 24 (8) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A NCAC  
25 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davie,  
26 Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston,  
27 Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond,  
28 Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Yadkin counties.

29 (b) Restrictions

- 30 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,  
31 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw  
32 components.
- 33 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
- 34 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or  
35 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,  
36 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
- 37 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;

1 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,  
2 including any extracts of those substances; or

3 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.

4 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday  
5 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

6 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in  
7 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.

8 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.

9 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,  
10 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,  
11 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,  
12 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and  
13 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.

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

16 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only

17 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary

18 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary

19 Brunswick ~~County~~ and Columbus Counties --Green Swamp bear sanctuary

20 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary

21 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary

22 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary

23 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary

24 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary

25 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only

26 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

27 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary

28 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary

29 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary

30 Jackson County--Pantherstown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary

31 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary

32 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary

33 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

34 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only

35 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

36 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

37 (d) The daily bag limit *for bear* is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

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