

**COUNTY FOX HARVEST SEASONS  
LEGISLATED BY THE  
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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**NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**



## “How do I find out if I can hunt or trap foxes in my county?”

The state law regarding foxes, coupled with the diversity of local laws, has resulted in 27 fox hunting seasons with weapons in 89 counties, and 23 fox trapping seasons in 55 counties.

This document was created to help guide sportsmen on the legal aspects of taking foxes.

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The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) has very limited authority to regulate fox hunting and trapping seasons. Only the General Assembly has the authority to allow fox trapping in a county through passage of a local law. The North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) has elected to classify foxes only as a game animals rather than game and furbearers as bobcat, opossum and raccoon are designated ([§ 113 291.4](#)). This classification means that the WRC may not allow foxes to be taken by trapping during regular trapping seasons.



There are numerous session laws that have been approved by the NCGA relating to foxes. Many of these laws passed by the NCGA apply only to a specific county, counties or parts of counties and generally are referred to as “local laws”. The number and complexity of the “local laws” enacted by the NCGA over the past 40 years which allow the taking of foxes with weapons and traps make them unsuitable to include in the annual regulations digest, thus this separate document was created.

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### Tagging Requirements for both Hunters and Trappers

**Fox Tags:** It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter, trade, or otherwise transfer possession or ownership of the carcass or pelt of any fox without having affixed to such carcass or pelt an individual fox tag. **To purchase fox tags, please call 833-950-0575.**

A fox tag or tags must be procured *before* taking foxes by any method designed to kill foxes or when the intent is to harvest foxes in the following counties:

- Clay
- Graham
- Henderson
- Macon
- Tyrrell

*Fox Tag Exemption:* Licensed trappers are exempt from tagging requirements if live-trapped foxes are trapped for purpose of sale to licensed controlled fox hunting preserves.

Trappers are exempt from fox tagging requirements in the following 25 counties/areas:

- Beaufort
- Cabarrus
- Caldwell
- Chowan
- Cherokee
- Cleveland
- Cumberland
- Davidson
- Davie
- Forsyth
- Gaston
- Hyde
- Johnston
- McDowell
- Mitchell
- Montgomery
- New Hanover
- Rockingham
- Rowan
- Rutherford
- Stokes
- Wilkes
- Winston-Salem
- Yadkin
- Yancy





All counties in North Carolina are listed in this table and are in alphabetical order. Due to space constraints in this table, please see general listings on page 12 for specific stipulations for your county.

County	Fox Trapping Season		Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
	Dates	Local Restrictions	Dates	Local Restrictions
Alamance County	Jan. 2 -Jan. 31	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Oct. 16 – end of Feb.	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
	Jun. 1 - Feb. 28	Rubber cleat traps required		
Alexander County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Alleghany County	Oct. 15 - Mar. 1		Oct. 15 - Mar. 1	
Anson County	Jan. 2 -Jan. 31	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
			Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Ashe County	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Bag limit=10	Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Avery County	No Fox Trapping Season		Dec. 1 - Feb. 1	Season bag limit=30
Beaufort County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	Foothold traps must have trap chains no longer than 18 inches in length	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	
	Jan. 2 – Feb. 28			
Bertie County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Bladen County	Jan. 2- Jan. 31	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Brunswick County	Jan. 2- Jan. 31	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Buncombe County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Burke County	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31		During any season for a game animal	



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	Dates	Local Restrictions	Dates	Local Restrictions
Cabarrus County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Caldwell County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Camden County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Carteret County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Caswell County	Jun. 1 - Feb. 28	Rubber cleat traps required Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of trapping)	Nov. 2 - Feb. 10	
	Jan. 5 – Feb. 10	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of trapping)		
Catawba County	No Fox Trapping Season		Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Chatham County	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15	Foothold traps must $\leq$ 1.5 in size w/coil spring & have 3 swivels in trap chain	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Cherokee County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Chowan County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Clay County	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited
Cleveland County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Columbus County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Foothold traps must $\leq$ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Craven County	Jan. 2 - Feb. 28		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Cumberland County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	

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Currituck County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season Bag limit=10 Sale of Foxes prohibited
Dare County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Davidson County	Oct. 1 - end of Feb.		Oct. 1 - end of Feb.	
Davie County	Oct. 1 - end of Feb.		Oct. 1 - end of Feb.	
Duplin County	No Fox Trapping Season		During any open season for a game animal	Sale of foxes prohibited. Guns and dogs only.
Durham County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Edgecombe County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Forsyth County (excluding Winston-Salem)	Oct. 1 - end of Feb.		Oct. 1 - end of Feb.	
Franklin County	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31		Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	
Gaston County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Gates County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Graham County	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited
Granville County	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31		Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	

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	Dates	Local Restrictions	Dates	Local Restrictions
Greene County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 – Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=1 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited Use of firearm to hunt foxes prohibited during deer gun season
Guilford County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Halifax County	Jan. 7 - Feb. 10	Season bag limit=30	Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Harnett County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Haywood County	No Fox Trapping Season		Year-round for gray foxes by any normal hunting means	Sale of foxes prohibited
			Year-round for red foxes w/archery or dogs only (no firearms)	Sale of foxes prohibited
Henderson County	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited
			Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Hertford County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Hoke County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Hyde County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	Foothold traps must have trap chains no longer than 18 inches in length	Nov. 15 - Jan. 1	



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	Dates	Local Restrictions	Dates	Local Restrictions
Hyde County continued...	Jan. 2 – end of Feb.		See bottom of page 7	
Iredell County	No Fox Trapping Season		Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Only in Fallstown, Davidson, and Coddle Creek townships
			Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Jackson County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Johnston County	Dec. 1 - Feb. 20		Dec. 1 - Feb. 20	
			Nov. 18 – Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Jones County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Lee County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Lenoir County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Lincoln County	No Fox Trapping Season		Year-round	Gray Foxes only
				Sale of foxes prohibited
Macon County	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited	Jan. 6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited
Madison County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Martin County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
McDowell County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Mecklenburg County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Mitchell County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Montgomery County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Moore County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited

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Nash County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
New Hanover County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit =2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Northampton County	Jan. 5 - Feb. 10		Nov. 2 - Feb. 10	
Onslow County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Orange County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Pamlico County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Pasquotank County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Pender County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Perquimans County	No Fox Trapping Season		Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Person County	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 & Dec. 1 – Feb. 20	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	
Pitt County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Foothold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Polk County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Randolph County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited

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Richmond County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Box-type Traps Only Season limit=30 This trapping season applies only to that portion of Richmond County located north of U.S. Highway 74 and west of U.S. Highway 1.	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Robeson County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Leghold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Rockingham County	June 1 - Feb. 28		Oct. 16 – Feb. 28 May 13 – May 27, 2024	
Rowan County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Rutherford County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	
Sampson County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Scotland County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Leghold traps must ≤ 1.5 in size & have 3 swivels in trap chain  Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)  This trapping season only applies in that portion of the county northeast of N.C. Hwy. 381 from the Richmond County line to the South Carolina Border	Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=30 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)  This season only applies in that portion of the county northeast of N.C. Hwy. 381 from the Richmond County line to the South Carolina Border
			Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season Bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Stanly County	Jan. 2 - Jan. 31	Season bag limit=10 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)  Foothold traps only	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Season bag limit=10 (aggregate of hunting & trapping)
Stokes County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	

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Surry County	Oct. 15 - Mar. 1		Oct. 15 - Mar. 1	
Swain County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Transylvania County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Tyrrell County	Jan.6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited	Jan.6 - Jan. 27	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of live foxes prohibited
			Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Union County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Vance County	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31		Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	
Wake County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Warren County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Washington County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Watauga County	No Fox Trapping Season		No Fox Hunting Season w/Weapon	
Wayne County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Wilkes County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Wilson County	No Fox Trapping Season		Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited
Winston-Salem	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	Cage Traps Only	Nov. 18 - Jan. 1	Daily bag limit=2 Season bag limit=10 Sale of foxes prohibited  Local Firearm Discharge Ordinances Applies
Yadkin County	Oct. 1 – Feb. 28		Year-round	Sale of foxes prohibited
Yancey County	Oct. 1 – end of Feb.		Oct. 1 – end of Feb.	

**Counties are listed in alphabetical order. If your county is not listed, you cannot trap or hunt foxes with a weapon in your county.**

**ALAMANCE**

S.L. 1979, c. 825, sec.2 - Prohibits pursuing, hunting, taking or killing deer or foxes with dogs.

S.L. 1989, c.825 - Opens season for taking foxes with weapons during the season for taking rabbits as established by regulation by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Opens season for trapping foxes from January 2 through January 31. A season bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the weapons and trapping seasons. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

S.L.2008, c. 44, H2123 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for trapping foxes and coyotes with rubber cleat traps from June 1 through February 28 of each year. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**ALLEGHENY**

S.L. 2011-32, SB46 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes and coyotes with lawful weapons or traps from October 15 through March 1 of each year. No season bag limit applies to foxes and coyotes taken under this act.

**ANSON**

Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by S.L. 1955, c.286 - Authorized the hunting and killing of foxes at any time by any lawful method. This allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. The 1955 act prohibits importation and release of foxes in the county. Sale of foxes taken under the year-round hunting authorization is not permitted.

**ANSON**

S.L. 1989, c.879 - Opens season for taking foxes with weapons from November 18-January 1 each year. Opens season for taking foxes with foothold traps from January 2-January 31 of each year. Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken pursuant to this act. A season bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken.

**ASHE**

Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by G.S. 113-133.1 (e) - Allows foxes to be taken at any time by any lawful method; this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

S.L. 2007, S364, as amended by S.L. 2010 H1893 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from November 1 through February 28 of each year. A season bag limit of 10 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the trapping season established in this act. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act and pursuant to former G.S. 113-111, as retained to the extent of its application to Ashe County pursuant to G.S. 113-133.1(e).

**AVERY**

S.L. 1985,c.180 - Authorizes foxes to be taken with weapons from December 1 through February 1 each year, and sets a season bag limit of 30. Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken pursuant to this act.

**BEAUFORT**

S.L. 1987, c.98 - Authorized the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is ten. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

S.L. 1997,c.132, as amended by S.L. 2001, c. 19 - Authorizes the trapping season for foxes from the day after the close of gun deer season until February 28 of each year. Eliminates the bag limits on hunting or trapping foxes and raccoons and the requirement to tag foxes prior to or after sale. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, foxes and raccoons may be taken during any trapping season established by the Wildlife Resources Commission or by the provisions of this act with steel-jaw or leghold traps with trap chains of up to 18 inches in length.

It is lawful to use snares when trapping fur-bearing animals during seasons for trapping furbearing animals as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by the provisions of this act.

**BERTIE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**BLADEN**

S.L. 1985,c.722 as amended by S.L. 1985 c. 880 - Permits the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is thirty. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**BRUNSWICK**

S.L. 1993, c. 208 - Opens the season for taking foxes with weapons from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**BURKE**

S.L. 1989, c.163 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for hunting, taking, or killing foxes with firearms and bow and arrow during the season for hunting any game animal as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for hunting, taking, or killing foxes by trapping from January 1 through January 31 of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**CABARRUS**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**CALDWELL**

S.L. 2019-107, HB324 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**CAMDEN**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**CARTERET**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**CASWELL**

P-L.L. 1937, c. 411- Fixes the open season for fox hunting from September 1 to June 30.

**CASWELL continued...**

S.L. 1991.c.908 as amended by S.L. 1993,c.727 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with rubber cleat traps from June 1 through February 28 each year. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 5 through February 10 of each year. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons from November 2 through February 10 of each year. A season bag limit of 30 applies to all foxes taken during the trapping season. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully under this act.

These two acts read together allow hunting foxes with dogs from September 1 through June 30 and allows hunting foxes with weapons from November 2 through February 10.

**CATAWBA**

Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by S.L. 1955,c.1037 - Authorizes the hunting and killing of foxes at any time by any lawful method. Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

**CHATHAM**

S.L. 1995, c.80 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to trapping of foxes, there will be open season for taking foxes with traps of the leghold type no larger than one and one-half, with coil spring and with trap chain and at least three swivels set on dry land with solid anchor. No trap larger than number one and one-half coil spring may be used. This season shall be from December 1 to February 15 of each year. No person shall place traps on the land of another without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or lessee. There shall be no bag limit for foxes taken during the trapping season.

**CHATHAM continued...**

The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**CHEROKEE**

S.L. 2015-13, HB 65 -

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**CHOWAN**

Ch. 301 of 1999 S.L. adds Chowan to S.L. 1989,c.128 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons from December 1 through January 1 of each year.

S.L. 2011-40, SB261 -

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act.

**CLAY**

G.S. 113-291.4, (f), (f1), and (g) – Opens a special permit season from the first to the fourth Saturday in January with traps or weapons with a daily bag limit of 2 and a season bag limit of 10. Permit holder must have

fox tags in possession prior to taking of foxes that must be tagged prior to sale. Sale of live foxes under this statute is not permitted.

**CLEVELAND**

S.L. 2019-107, HB324 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**COLUMBUS**

S.L. 1993, c. 208 amended by S.L. 2004-66, HB 1346 -

Opens the season for taking foxes with weapons from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**CRAVEN**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

S.L. 2008, c. 8, S1989 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 2 through February 28 of each year. No season bag limits applies to foxes taken under this act.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**CUMBERLAND**

S.L. 2019-107, HB324 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**CURRITUCK**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**DARE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**DAVIDSON**

S.L. 2009, c.43, H551 -

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act.



**DAVIE**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking coyotes and foxes with weapons and by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limits applies to foxes or coyotes taken under this act.

**DUPLIN**

S.L. 1965,c.774 - Provided an open season from August 2 to March 15 for hunting foxes with dogs, and permits the use of guns and dogs when the season is open for any other game. Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

**DURHAM**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**EDGECOMBE:**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

S.L. 1991, c.483 s.4 - Opens a season for taking foxes by trapping from January 2 or the last day of deer season, whichever is later, through January 31 of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for sale of foxes. Aggregate bag limit is 30.

**FORSYTH**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking coyotes and foxes with weapons and by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limits applies to foxes or coyotes taken under this act. This section applies only to those portions of Forsyth County outside the city limits of the City of Winston-Salem.

**FRANKLIN**

S.L. 1993, c. 208 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping from October 1 through January 31 each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of lawfully taken foxes.

**GASTON**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**GATES**

S.L. 1989, c.128 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons from December 1 through January 1 of each year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 2 or the last day of deer season, whichever is later, through January 31 of each year. During this season, all leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor shall have at least three swivels in the trap chain

and no leghold traps larger than size one and one-half may be used. A season bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the weapons and trapping seasons established in this act. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**GRAHAM**

G.S. 113-291.4, (f), (f1), and (g) –

Opens a special permit season from the first to the fourth Saturday in January with traps or weapons with a daily bag limit of 2 and a season bag limit of 10. Permit holder must have fox tags in possession prior to taking of foxes that must be tagged prior to sale. Sale of live foxes under this statute is not permitted.

**GRANVILLE**

S.L. 1963, c.670 - Provides that foxes may be taken by use of dogs year-round, day or night, and by “any manner” during the open season. (“Any manner” should be interpreted to mean during authorized hunting hours by any lawful hunting method in addition to dogs: rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow. “Open season” should be interpreted to mean when the season is open for any game animal or game bird in the county.) Sale of foxes taken under this local act is not permitted.

S.L. 1993, c.208 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping from October 1 through January 31 each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of lawfully taken foxes.

**GREENE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10.

**GREENE continued...** Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

S.L. 1975, c.219, as amended by S.L. 1987, c.132 - Prohibits hunting foxes with firearms “during the two-week deer season.”

The current interpretation of this act is that during any gun deer season, the use of firearms to hunt foxes is prohibited.

### **GUILFORD**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

### **HALIFAX**

P-L.L. 1925, c.571,s.3 - Makes it lawful to “hunt foxes at any time.” This should be interpreted to allow year-round dog hunting, day or night (because of the statewide law), and year-round hunting during authorized hunting hours by other normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow. Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

S.L. 1995, c.279 - Notwithstanding any other law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 7 through February 10 of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully under this act. A bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the fox season established in this act.

### **HARNETT**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and

Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

### **HAYWOOD**

Former G.S. 113-111, as modified by S.L. 1963,c.322 - Provides generally that foxes may be taken “at any time by any lawful method”—but red foxes may not be taken with guns.

This should be interpreted to authorize year-round taking of red foxes with dogs and with bow and arrow, and year-round taking of gray foxes by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (Because of the statewide law, dog hunting of both gray and red foxes may be day or night. Other takings would be limited to authorized hunting hours.) Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

### **HENDERSON**

Former G.S. 113-111 - Allows foxes to be taken “at any time by any lawful method”; this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (The statewide law would allow dog hunting at night.) Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

G.S. 113-291.4, (f), (f1), and (g) – Opens a special permit season from the first to the fourth Saturday in January with traps or weapons with a daily bag limit of 2 and a season bag limit of 10. Permit holder must have fox tags in possession prior to taking of foxes that must be tagged prior to sale. Sale of live foxes under this statute is not permitted.

### **HERTFORD**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and

Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

### **HOKE**

S.L. 1985, c.108 - Authorizes the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

### **HYDE**

S.L. 1989,c.229 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is a season for taking, hunting, or killing foxes with bow and arrow, rifle, shotgun, and dogs from November 15 through January 1 of each year. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is a season for taking, hunting, or killing foxes with traps from January 2 through the last day of February of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act. A season bag limit of 20 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the fox seasons established in this act.

S.L. 1997,c.132, as amended by S.L. 2001, c. 19 - Authorizes the trapping season for foxes from the day after the close of gun deer season until February 28 of each year. Eliminates the bag limits on hunting or trapping foxes and raccoons and the requirement to tag foxes prior to or after sale. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, foxes and raccoons may be taken during any trapping season established by the Wildlife Resources Commission or by the provisions of this act with steel-jaw

**HYDE continued...** or leghold traps with trap chains of up to 18 inches in length.

It is lawful to use snares when trapping fur-bearing animals during seasons for trapping furbearing animals as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by the provisions of this act.

**IREDELL**

S.L. 1985, c.664, H1418 - Provides that foxes may be taken by use of “weapons” in the Townships of Fallstown, Davidson, and Coddle Creek from December 1 through January 1 each year. (“Weapons” would mean rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow.) The Wildlife Resources Commission must provide for sale of foxes taken legally under the local act.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold. This applies only to that portion of the county east of I-77.

**JOHNSTON**

S.L. 2007, H1185 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season from December 1 through February 20 of each year for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10.

**JONES**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**LEE**

S.L. 1977, c. 636 - Classifies the fox as a game animal which may be taken only with dogs at any time during day or night and prohibits the purchase or sale of foxes or parts thereof, except for live foxes for restocking purposes.

**LENOIR**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**LINCOLN**

P-L.L. 1925, c. 449, sections 1 and 2 - Provides an open season for hunting red foxes with dogs only from October 1 to March 1.

S.L. 1955, c.878 - Provides that one may “hunt, take or kill gray foxes at any time...” This should be interpreted to allow year-round hunting of gray foxes, day or night (because of statewide law); year-round hunting of gray foxes during authorized hunting hours with shotgun, rifle, and bow and arrow; and day and night hunting of red foxes with dogs from October 1 to March 1. Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

**MACON**

G.S. 113-291.4, (f), (fl), and (g) – Opens a special permit season from the first to the fourth Saturday in January with traps or weapons with a daily bag limit of 2 and a season bag limit of 10. Permit holder must have fox tags in possession prior to taking of foxes that must be tagged prior to sale. Sale of live foxes under this statute is not permitted.

**MADISON**

S.L. 1951, c. 1040- Prohibits hunting red foxes at any time.

**MARTIN**

S.L. 1977, c. 636 - Classifies the fox as a game animal which may be taken only with dogs at any time during the day or night, and prohibits the purchase or sale of foxes or parts thereof, except for live foxes for restocking purposes.

**MCDOWELL**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**MECKLENBURG**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold. This applies only to that portion of the county east of I-77.

**MITCHELL**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**MONTGOMERY**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**MOORE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all Areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**NASH**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**NEW HANOVER**

S.L. 1971, c.559 - Prohibits hunting foxes with dogs in that portion of Federal Point Township which lies south of Snow’s Cut (the Intracoastal Waterway).

**NEW HANOVER continued...**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

S.L. 2015-13, HB 65 -

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**NORTHAMPTON**

S.L. 1993, c.727 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 5 through February 10 of each year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons from November 2 through February 10 of each year.

**ONSLOW**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**ORANGE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate

Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**PAMLICO**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**PASQUOTANK**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**PENDER**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**PERQUIMANS**

Former G.S. 113-111 - Allows foxes to be taken “at any time by any lawful method”; this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (The statewide law would allow dog hunting at night.) Sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

**PERSON**

S.L. 1985,c.108, as amended by S. O. 1985 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sess. 1986), c.890 and further amended by house bill 820 in 2005 - Authorizes the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from September 1 through September 30 and from December 1 through February 20 of each year. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one half may be used. There is no season bag limit. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**PITT**

S.L. 1993, c. 208 amended by S.L. 2004-199, SB 1225 - Opens the season for taking foxes with weapons from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**RANDOLPH**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**RICHMOND**

S.L. 2001, c. 133, H903 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is a season for taking foxes with box-type traps only from

January 2 through January 31 of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act. A season bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to gray and red foxes taken during the fox season established in this act. This act applies only to that portion of Richmond County located north of U.S. Highway 74 and west of U.S. Highway 1.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**ROBESON**

S.L. 1985, c.108 - Authorizes the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**ROCKINGHAM**

S.L. 1985, c.179, as amended by S.L. 2011-136, HB463 and S.L. 2022-74, HB103 - Authorizes the taking of foxes by firearms, bow and arrow, or crossbow during any open small game season each year. There is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from June 1 through February 28 of each year. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act. No tags shall be required for the sale of the fur of foxes taken in accordance with this act.

**ROWAN**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**RUTHERFORD**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**SAMPSON**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**SCOTLAND**

S.L. 1985, c.108 - Authorizes the taking of foxes by rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow from December 1 through January 1, and by trapping from January 2 through January 31. Leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor must have at least three swivels in the trap chain, and no leghold trap larger than size one and one-half may be used. The aggregate season bag limit, for both the weapons and trapping season, is 30. The local act applies in that portion of Scotland County northeast of N.C. Highway 381 from the Richmond County line to the South Carolina border. The Wildlife Resources

**SCOTLAND continued...**

Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10.

**SCOTLAND continued...** Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**STANLY**

S.L. 1989, c.879 - Opens season for taking foxes with weapons from November 18-January 1 of each year. Opens season for taking foxes with foothold traps from January 2-January 31 of each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken pursuant to this act. A season bag limit of 10 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken.

**STOKES**

S.L. 2018-10, HB991 – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

**SURRY**

P-L. L. 1925, c.474,s.6 - Provides that gray and red foxes may be taken only from October 15 through March 1. This should be interpreted to authorize fox hunting with dogs, day and night, during the open season, and normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, and bow and arrow. The sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

**SURRY continued...**

S.L. 2011-32, SB46 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes and coyotes with lawful weapons or traps from October 15 through March 1 of each year. No season bag limit applies to foxes and coyotes taken under this act.

**TYRRELL**

Former G.S. 113-111 - Allows foxes to be taken “at any time by any lawful method” this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (Sale under this provision is not permitted).

G.S. 113-291.4, (f), (fl), and (g) – Opens a special permit season from the first to the fourth Saturday in January with traps or weapons with a daily bag limit of 2 and a season bag limit of 10. Permit holder must have fox tags in possession prior to taking of foxes that must be tagged prior to sale. Sale of live foxes under this statute is not permitted.

**UNION**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**VANCE**

S.L. 1993, c. 208 as amended by S.L. 2004-44 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping from October 1 through January 31 each year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of lawfully taken foxes.

**WAKE**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**WARREN**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**WASHINGTON**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**WAYNE**

S.L. 1981, c. 697, as amended by S.L. 1987, c. 958 - Prohibits hunting foxes in any manner from March 16 to August 1. Amendment exempts persons training dogs to hunt foxes in a dog training facility larger than 500 acres that is enclosed with a dog-proof fence.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag

**WAYNE continued...**limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**WILKES**

Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by S.L. 1971, c.385 - Allows foxes to be taken “at any time by any lawful method”; this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (The statewide law would allow dog hunting at night.) The 1971 act prohibits the use of electronic calling devices in taking foxes in Wilkes County. The sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

S.L. 2015-13, HB 65 -

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**WILSON**

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding

Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**WINSTON-SALEM**

S.L. 2010, H1893 - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping with cage traps only during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to foxes taken under this act.

15A NCAC 10B .0212 - Foxes may be taken the Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving through January 1 by firearms or bow and arrow in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in Caldwell and Mitchell Counties with a daily bag limit of 2 and season limit of 10. Foxes taken under this season may not be bought or sold.

**YADKIN**

Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by S.L. 1953,c.199 - Allows foxes to be taken “at any time by any lawful method”; this allows year-round taking during authorized hunting

hours by normal hunting methods: rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, and dogs. (The statewide law would allow dog hunting at night.) The 1953 act prohibits importation and release of foxes in Yadkin County. The sale of foxes taken under this act is not permitted.

S.L. 2017-73, HB272 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from October 1 through February 28 of each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limits applies to foxes taken under this act. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**YANCY**

S.L. 2019-107, HB324 –

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.