

1 **15A NCAC 10J .0103 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:**

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3 **15A NCAC 10J .0103 HUNTING ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREAS**

4 (a) ~~Safety Requirements.~~ No person shall be under the influence of an impairing substance, as defined by G.S. 20-  
5 4.01(48b) while hunting on ~~any area a~~ designated ~~and posted as a wildlife conservation area~~ Wildlife Conservation  
6 Area. ~~shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.~~

7 (b) ~~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 area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area.~~ Erecting or  
9 occupying a tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree for the purpose of hunting on a  
10 designated Wildlife Conservation Area is prohibited. This prohibition shall not apply to lag-screw steps or portable  
11 stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining in or attached to the tree.

12 (c) ~~Time and Manner of Taking.~~ Hunting on designated Wildlife Conservation Areas during the open season for game  
13 or furbearing species is permitted. ~~Except~~ except where the area is closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by the  
14 rules of this Chapter ~~Chapter.~~ hunting on areas designated and posted as wildlife conservation areas is permitted during  
15 the open season for the game or furbearing species being hunted.

16 (1) ~~Waterfowl~~ waterfowl hunters shall not enter the areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting  
17 dates, and hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates; decoys may not be set out  
18 prior to 4:00 a.m. and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. each date.

19 (2) game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,  
20 Saturdays and Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

21 (3) deer may be taken with archery equipment as specified in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 on the opening  
22 day of the archery season.

23 (d) The following shall be prohibited while hunting on Wildlife Conservation Areas:

24 (1) ~~No person shall operate~~ operating ~~any a~~ vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion ~~engine~~  
25 ~~engine;~~ on the waters of any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area.

26 (2) ~~No person shall attempt~~ attempting to obscure the sex or age of ~~any a~~ game bird or game animal  
27 taken by severing the head or ~~any~~ other part thereof, or possess ~~any a~~ bird or animal ~~which that~~ has  
28 been ~~so mutilated.~~ mutilated;

29 (3) ~~No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any area designated and posted as a wildlife~~  
30 ~~conservation area,~~ placing salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization of the  
31 Commission or its ~~agent~~ agent; ~~and no person shall take or attempt~~ attempting to take ~~any~~ game  
32 birds or game animals attracted to such ~~foods.~~ foods;

33 (4) ~~No person shall use~~ using an electronic calling device for the purpose of attracting wild birds or wild  
34 ~~animals.~~ animals; ~~and~~

35 (5) ~~No~~ removing live wild animals or wild ~~birds~~ birds, ~~shall be removed from any designated wildlife~~  
36 ~~conservation area~~ except with the written permission of the landowner.

37 (e) The Nona Pitt Hinson Cohen Wildlife Conservation Area - Richmond County is closed to hunting.

1 ~~(d) Hunting Dates:~~

2       (1)     ~~Any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,~~  
3             ~~Saturdays and Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days. In addition, deer Deer may be taken~~  
4             ~~with bow and arrow on the opening day of the bow and arrow season for deer. Raccoon and opossum~~  
5             ~~hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight~~  
6             ~~on Saturdays.~~

7       (2)     ~~Except as otherwise indicated, the following designated wildlife conservation areas or indicated~~  
8             ~~portions thereof are closed to all hunting:~~

9             (A) — ~~Nona Pitt Hinson Cohen Wildlife Conservation Area — Richmond County.~~

10            (B) — ~~John D. Lewis Wildlife Conservation Area — Wayne County.~~

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12 *History Note:*     ~~Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-136; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305;~~  
13                     ~~Eff. February 1, 1990;~~  
14                     ~~Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; October 1, 1994.~~