

TEMPORARY RULE
RRC STAFF OPINION

PLEASE NOTE: THIS COMMUNICATION IS EITHER 1) ONLY THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN RRC STAFF ATTORNEY AS TO ACTION THAT THE ATTORNEY BELIEVES THE COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE ON THE CITED RULE AT ITS NEXT MEETING, OR 2) AN OPINION OF THAT ATTORNEY AS TO SOME MATTER CONCERNING THAT RULE. THE AGENCY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (ACCORDING TO RRC RULES) TO THE COMMISSION.

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10D .0103

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

X Note staff's comment

Object, based on:

Lack of statutory authority

Unclear or ambiguous

Unnecessary

Failure to comply with the APA

COMMENT:

The Wildlife Resources Commission originally proposed 15A NCAC 10D .0103 as a permanent rule. RRC approved the permanent rule at its April 2021 meeting. However, the rule received at least 10 letters of objection, meaning it was subject to a delayed effective date and legislative review pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3. The Wildlife Resources Commission is now proposing the rule as a temporary rule pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3 and G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(7)(b) and (d).

§ 150B-21.3. Effective date of rules.

(b2) Objection. - Any person who objects to the adoption of a permanent rule may submit written comments to the agency. If the objection is not resolved prior to adoption of the rule, a person may submit written objections to the Commission. If the Commission receives written objections from 10 or more persons, no later than 5:00 P.M. of the day following the day the Commission approves the rule, clearly requesting review by the legislature in accordance with instructions posted on the agency's Web site pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c)(4), and the Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in subsection (b1) of this section. The Commission shall notify the agency that the rule is subject to legislative disapproval on the day following the day it receives 10 or more written objections. **When the requirements of this subsection have been met and a rule is subject to legislative disapproval, the agency may adopt the rule as a temporary rule if the rule would have met the criteria listed in G.S. 150B-21.1(a) at the time the notice of text for the permanent rule was published in the North Carolina Register.** If the Commission receives objections from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature, and the rule objected to is one of a group of related rules adopted by the agency at the

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same time, the agency that adopted the rule may cause any of the other rules in the group to become effective as provided in subsection (b1) of this section by submitting a written statement to that effect to the Commission before the other rules become effective.

§ 150B-21.1. Procedure for adopting a temporary rule.

(a) Adoption. - An agency may adopt a temporary rule when it finds that adherence to the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 150B-21.2 would be contrary to the public interest and that the immediate adoption of the rule is required by one or more of the following:

...

(7) The need for the Wildlife Resources Commission to establish any of the following:

- a. No wake zones.
- b. Hunting or fishing seasons, including provisions for manner of take or any other conditions required for the implementation of such season.
- c. Hunting or fishing bag limits.
- d. Management of public game lands as defined in G.S. 113-129(8a).

1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 is proposed for amendment under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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24 (B) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
25 (C) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
26 (D) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
27 (E) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

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

- 29 (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;
30 (B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
31 (C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S.
32 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, thereof, and
33 (D) hunting migratory game [birds] birds.

34 On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before
35 sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and
36 members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty
37 other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-

1 only areas from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions ~~(1)~~, (1)(A), (1)(C), ~~(3)~~, and ~~(5)~~ (1)(E) in this Paragraph
2 shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season
3 and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the
4 impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." ~~No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any~~
5 ~~bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so~~
6 ~~mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior~~
7 ~~written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based~~
8 ~~on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game~~
9 ~~birds or game animals attracted to such foods.~~

10 (e) Definitions:

- 11 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
12 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
13 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 14 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
15 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
16 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
17 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
18 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under
19 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until
20 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 21 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
22 may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
23 during the open seasons.
- 24 (4) For purposes of this Section, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game
25 may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,
26 Saturdays, and Sundays.
- 27 (5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
28 may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays,
29 and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00
30 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

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

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

- 34 (1) ~~Allea~~ Yadkin River Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
35 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

20 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.

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

22 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(E) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

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

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
2 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,
3 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
4 owned portion of the game land.
- 5 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 6 ~~(67)~~(66) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- 7 ~~(68)~~(67) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
- 8 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season.
- 11 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 12 ~~(69)~~(68) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 13 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
15 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 16 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
17 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
18 thereafter.
- 19 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
20 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 21 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 25 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- 26 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 27 ~~(70)~~(69) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- 28 ~~(71)~~(70) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 29 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 33 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 34 ~~(72)~~(71) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 35 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
37 through March 31 except as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (h) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed

30 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of

31 hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and

32 are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or

33 by phone.

34 (i) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a

35 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7 *1, 2004;*
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