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TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1 that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to adopt the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10A .1601.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule(s) on: August 29, 2019

Public Hearing:

Date: September 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: WRC Headquarters, 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the US Congress. Cite: House Bill 597, Effective date: 08/27/19.

The Commission was in the process of adopting permanent rules to establish and increase fees in rule (G.S. 113-270.1B(e)) when H.B. 597 was introduced. This bill changed license structure, increased and established several fees, and modified G.S. 113-270.1B(e) by adding permits, stamps and certifications to the CPI-U increase, and giving the Commission the authority to round up on the CPI-U increase to the next whole dollar. In order to avoid confusion among constituents, align with calendar year for licensure and permit renewals, and only undertake one fee increase, the Commission proposes adopting the temporary fee rule to transfer all licenses, permits, stamps, and certifications to rule and increase those fees that were not increased by H.B. 597 by the total increase in the CPI-U rounded up to the next whole dollar over the period of time since the last fee change.

Comment Procedures: Comments from the public shall be directed to: Rule-making Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org. The comment period begins September 9, 2019 and ends October 1, 2019.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10A - WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SECTION .1600 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION FEES

15A NCAC 10A .1601 LICENSE FEES.

(a) License fees established by the Commission in this Rule shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 113-270.1B(e).

(b) The following fees shall apply to combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1C:

- (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$35.00.
- (2) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (3) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.

(c) The following fees shall apply to sportsman licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1D:

- (1) Annual Sportsman License - \$53.00.
- (2) Infant Lifetime Sportsman License - \$212.00.
- (3) Youth Lifetime Sportsman License - \$371.00.
- (4) Adult Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$530.00.
- (5) Nonresident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$1,272.00.
- (6) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$16.00.
- (7) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.
- (8) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.

(d) The following fees shall apply to hunting licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.2:

- (1) Resident State Hunting License - \$25.00.
- (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License - \$265.00.
- (3) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License - \$22.00.
- (4) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License - \$39.00.
- (5) Nonresident State Hunting Licenses:
 - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
 - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
- (6) Falconry Hunting License - \$25.00.

(e) The following fees shall apply to special activity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.3:

- (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License - \$14.00.
- (2) Nonresident Bear Hunting License - \$239.00.

- (3) Bear Management Stamp - \$11.00.
- (4) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License:
 - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
 - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
- (5) Bonus Antlerless Deer License - \$11.00.
- (6) Game Land License - \$16.00.
- (7) Falconry License - \$11.00.
- (8) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License - \$14.00.
- (9) Resident American Alligator License - \$250.00.
- (10) Nonresident American Alligator License - \$500.00.
- (11) Resident Elk License - \$500.00.
- (12) Nonresident Elk License - \$1,000.00.
- (f) The following fees shall apply to hunting and fishing guide licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.4:
 - (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$16.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$159.00.
- (g) The following fees shall apply to trapping licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.5:
 - (1) Resident State Trapping License - \$32.00.
 - (2) Resident Lifetime Trapping License - \$300.00.
 - (3) Nonresident State Trapping License - \$133.00.
- (h) The following fees shall apply to hook-and-line licenses in inland and joint fishing waters issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-271:
 - (1) Resident State Inland Fishing License - \$25.00.
 - (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Inland Fishing License - \$265.00.
 - (3) Nonresident State Inland Fishing License - \$45.00.
 - (4) Short-Term Inland Fishing License:
 - (A) Resident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$9.00.
 - (B) Nonresident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$23.00.
 - (5) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$16.00.
 - (6) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (7) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (8) Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License - \$106.00.
 - (9) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters 3-Day Fishing License - \$8.00.
- (j) The following fees shall apply to special device licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.2:
 - (1) Resident Special Device License - \$80.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Special Device License - \$530.00.
- (k) The fee for a collection license issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.4 shall be \$10.00.
- (l) The following fees shall apply to captivity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.5:
 - (1) Captivity License for Holding - \$50.00.
 - (2) Captivity License for Rehabilitation - \$10.00.
- (m) The following fees shall apply to dealer licenses issued by the Commission as set forth in G.S. 113-273:
 - (1) Resident Fur-dealer License - \$64.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Fur-dealer License - \$318.00.
 - (3) Fur-dealer Station License - \$128.00.
 - (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Operator License - \$100.00.
 - (5) Game Bird Propagation License - \$10.00.
 - (6) Furbearer Propagation License - \$27.00.
 - (7) Taxidermy License - \$50.00.
 - (8) Taxidermy Cervid Certification - \$5.00.
 - (9) Wildlife Control Agent License - \$50.00.
 - (10) Alligator Control Agent Certification - \$25.00.
- (n) The following fees shall apply to permits issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-274:
 - (1) Possession Permit - \$10.00.
 - (2) Exportation or Importation Permit - \$10.00.
 - (3) Trophy Wildlife Sale Permit - \$10.00.
 - (4) Endangered Species Permit - \$10.00.
 - (5) Field Trial Permit - \$10.00.
- (o) unified hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-351:
 - (1) Annual Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$69.00.
 - (2) Annual Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$43.00.
 - (3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses:
 - (A) Infant Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$292.00.
 - (B) Youth Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.
 - (C) Resident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$716.00.
 - (D) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$1,643.00.
 - (E) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.

(F) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.

(G) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.

(4) Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.

(p) The following fees shall apply to Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-174.2:

(1) Annual Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.

(2) Annual Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.

(3) Ten-Day Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$6.00.

(4) Ten-Day Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.

(5) Infant Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$106.00.

(6) Youth Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$159.00.

(7) Resident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$265.00.

(8) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$530.00.

(9) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.

(10) Resident Disabled Veteran Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.

(11) Resident Totally Disabled Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.

Authority G.S. 113-270.1B(e).