



## **Fiscal Note for 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Rule Proposals Wildlife Resources Commission – Land and Water Access**

**Rule Amendments:** 15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE  
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15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES  
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15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES  
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15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES

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15A NCAC 10D .0294 NORTH BEND GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY

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**Fiscal Impact:** State Government: Yes  
Local Government: Yes  
Private Impact: Yes  
Substantial Economic Impact: No

**Authority:** G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-270.3; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; 113-306

## **BACKGROUND**

The wildlife resources of the State belong to the people of the State as a whole, including the enjoyment of these resources (G.S. 113-131(a)). The Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is tasked with the conservation of wildlife resources of the State (G.S. 143-239). This responsibility includes managing as equitably as possible the various competing interests regarding these resources, including the use and take of such resources (G.S. 113-131.1(a)). The statutes governing wildlife resources are found in Chapter 113, Subchapter IV of the General Statutes, and WRC has been granted rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of these statutes (G.S. 113-134).

As part of its mission, the WRC conducts an annual review of its inland fish, wildlife, and game land regulations to determine whether the rules need to be adjusted in order to accomplish the objectives of managing wildlife resources or Commission property through a biologically sustainable harvest consistent with sound conservation objectives; managing WRC-owned land for the conservation of wildlife resources, and the enjoyment of the public; and implementing legislative directives.

The proposed rule changes will modify the use of game lands, some will increase outdoor recreation opportunities, while others are expected to restrict such opportunities. A summary of the proposed rule amendments is shown below, with the full rule text included in Appendix A.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY CATEGORY AND RULE**

### **CAMPING:**

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The proposed amendments extend the camping season by shifting the last day camping is allowed in the spring from May 14 to May 31. This change increases the total number of days camping is allowed on these game lands by 17 days. The fall and winter camping dates will remain unchanged, continuing to run from September 1 through the last day of February. This is being done to align with the newly adopted wild turkey season framework, ensuring hunters can camp on game lands for the entirety of turkey season.

The new wild turkey season goes into effect in the spring of 2026 and shifts the opening date of the Youth-only season from the first to the second Saturday in April and the opening date for the regular wild turkey season from the second to the third Saturday in April, with the season length unchanged. These changes were approved as part of the WRC's 2025/2026 annual cycle rules package.

## Fiscal Impact

### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement.

The extended camping opportunities could attract more hunters to these 18 game lands during wild turkey hunting season, potentially increasing applications for permit hunts. Since permit applications cost hunters \$8 plus a transaction fee (ranging from \$0 to \$4 depending on the sales channel), this could result in additional revenue. However, the WRC currently does not have a mechanism to accurately estimate the total additional revenue that may be generated for the state because of this proposed change.

### *Local Impact*

Adding additional camping opportunities on these 18 game lands may increase the number of people visiting local businesses, which may result in an increase in the purchase of goods and services as they relate to the needs of this user group (e.g., food, gas, camping supplies, etc.). This anticipated benefit cannot be quantified.

### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment may benefit hunters, allowing them to camp additional days on game lands during the wild turkey season. The proposed amendment will impact hunters that choose to turkey hunt on game lands that require a permit. Permit applications cost \$8 plus transaction fee (up to \$4). The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the total impact of the proposed change on private entities.

## **USE OF WEAPONS:**

### 15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

The proposed amendments would modify the rule that restricts the use of weapons within 150 yards of a building or camping area on a game land or residence located on or adjacent to game lands. The amended rule will continue to prohibit the discharge of firearms within 150 yards of a game land building or camping area or a residence located on or adjacent to a game land, but will remove the restriction on the use of archery equipment in these locations. In summary, these changes will provide greater flexibility for archery while enhancing safety measures regarding firearms near designated areas and residences.

Residential development along game land boundaries reduces the area of useable public land for hunting. This rule change would increase the area available to some hunters, while maintaining a safe and reasonable buffer.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact.

#### *Local Impact*

This rule may bring more archery hunters to game lands, however the WRC has no way of knowing how many additional hunters this would bring. New users could bring increased revenue to the immediate area in the form of spending on lodging and dining, in particular. The Commission has no way of knowing how many hunters will take advantage of this opportunity; as such, the estimated benefits to local government could not be quantified.

#### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment will benefit hunters by increasing the area available to hunt for those using archery equipment. By limiting the change to archery equipment, noise and safety concerns are minimized. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on individuals and the WRC has no way of knowing how many hunters will take advantage of this increased opportunity.

### **USE OF BICYCLES:**

#### 15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

The proposed amendment adjusts the recreational bicycle riding dates on the New Light Mountain Bike Trail at Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land to accommodate the newly adopted wild turkey season framework. Under the current rule, bicycle riding is allowed during open seasons for hunters engaged in the act of hunting, and on the designated trail areas from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14. The proposed amendment will adjust these dates slightly, allowing bicycle riding from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. This change simply shifts the start and end dates by one day, while maintaining the same overall access for bicyclists.

The new wild turkey season goes into effect in the spring of 2026 and shifts the opening date of the Youth-only season from the first to the second Saturday in April and reduces the Youth-only season from seven to two days. It also shifts the opening date for the regular wild turkey season

from the second to the third Saturday in April, with the season length unchanged. These changes were approved as part of the WRC's 2025/2026 annual cycle rules package.

Adjusting the bicycle riding dates to avoid wild turkey season will increase public safety, prevent the disruption of wildlife, and alleviate user conflicts.

#### Fiscal Impact

##### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement.

##### *Local Impact*

The proposed amendment has no anticipated local government impact.

##### *Private Impact*

The proposed rule amendment will not increase or decrease the total number of days available for bicycling on this game land but does adjust when those days occur. This amendment should benefit hunters who will not be disturbed by recreational bike riders while turkey hunting. There are several other nearby public areas that provide bicycling opportunities; therefore, we do not anticipate any impact to bicyclists aside from a potential shift in the dates they utilize Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.

This amendment should benefit hunters by avoiding potential interference and conflicts with recreational bicyclists during wild turkey hunting season.

#### **HORSEBACK RIDING:**

##### 15A NCAC 10D .0212 BUXTON WOODS GAME LAND IN DARE COUNTY

The proposed amendment prohibits horseback riding except on designated trails.

#### Fiscal Impact

##### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement.

##### *Local Impact*

The proposed amendment has no anticipated local government impact.

### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment will impact horseback riders by requiring them to stay on designated trails and prevents horseback riders from creating their own trails. The amendment may benefit hunters and hikers who often find off-trail horseback riding to be disruptive. The amendment is also expected to lower trespass incidences on neighboring properties. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

### **HUNTING WITH DOGS:**

#### 15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND STANLY COUNTIES

The proposed amendment modifies the regulation on pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs in the Pee Dee River Game Land. The current rule prohibits pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for training or hunting on the portion of the game land south of US-74. The proposed rule will prohibit this activity on the entire game land, except on the portion east of Pee Dee River and north of US-74, where pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for hunting is by permit only.

Dog deer and bear hunting complaints have increased in recent years, primarily related to hunters trespassing to release or retrieve dogs. Numerous citations have been written for trespassing.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment will generate revenue through the sale of applications for permit hunts. Applications cost hunters \$8 plus a transaction fee (transaction fees vary from \$0 to \$4 depending on the sales channel). Though expected revenue can vary greatly in any given year, as many factors can influence the number of hunts and the interest in those hunts, based on similar game lands, the agency can likely anticipate at least \$500 ( $\$8/\text{permit} \times 50 \text{ applications} = \$400$ ; average  $\$2/\text{transaction fee} \times 50 \text{ applications} = \$100$ ;  $\$400 + \$100 = \$500$ ) in application and transaction fees for permit hunts at this game land.

#### *Local Impact*

The proposed amendments are anticipated to have minimal impacts on local government. Requiring permits for dog deer and bear hunting may lower hunter participation which may result in decreased visitation and revenue to the surrounding counties. However, this impact cannot be quantified. The proposed amendments may benefit local law enforcement by reducing conflicts between landowners and hunters.



### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment to deer and bear hunting with dogs may negatively impact some hunters, as opportunities will be limited, and they may not be awarded a permit. However, because opportunities will be limited, the quality of those hunts may improve. The proposed amendment may also benefit still hunters and other recreationists who find dog deer and bear hunting to be disruptive to their experience. Additionally, the amendment is expected to lower trespass incidences on neighboring properties, thus positively impacting landowners. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

### 15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE 15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES

The proposed amendments clarify the existing deer hunting seasons and modify the regulation on deer hunting with dogs in Sandhills Game Land. The current rule does not prohibit pursuing or chasing deer with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting. The proposed rule will prohibit pursuing or chasing deer with dogs for the purpose of training and will restrict deer hunting with dogs by permit only. Dog deer hunting complaints have increased in recent years, primarily related to hunters trespassing to release or retrieve dogs. Numerous citations have been written for trespassing. Additionally, the proposed amendments will prevent individuals convicted of a wildlife or trespass violation while hunting deer with dogs from receiving a permit for hunting deer with dogs during the season following conviction.

In addition, the proposed amendments will require a permit for fox squirrel hunting on this game land. The number of permits will not be limited, and the season will be retained. The number of fox squirrel hunters using Sandhill Game Land is currently unknown. Requiring a permit allows the WRC to better estimate hunting pressure and determine the need for changes to management.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *State Impact*

The proposed amendments will generate revenue through the sale of applications for permit hunts and point of sale (POS) permits. Applications cost hunters \$8 plus a transaction fee (transaction fees vary from \$0 to \$4 depending on the sales channel). Though expected revenue can vary greatly in any given year, as many factors can influence the number of hunts and the interest in hunting opportunities, the agency estimates at least \$13,000 ( $\$8/\text{permit} \times 1,300$  applications/permits = \$10,400; average \$2/transaction fee  $\times 1,300$  applications = \$2,600;  $\$10,400 + \$2,600 = \$13,000$ ) in revenue from proposed changes on this game land.

The proposed amendments will require agency staff review permit applications to ensure permits are not awarded to individuals convicted of a wildlife or trespass violation while hunting deer with dogs. Permit application review is part of routine operations conducted by the Land and Water Access team who process permit applications.

#### *Local Impact*

The proposed amendments are anticipated to have minimal impacts to local government. Requiring permits may lower hunter participation or interest, which may result in decreased visitation and revenue to the surrounding counties. However, this impact cannot be quantified.

#### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment requiring a permit to hunt deer with dogs may negatively impact hunters, as opportunities will be limited, permit applications will cost hunt parties \$8 - \$12 per application, and they may not be awarded a permit. However, because opportunities will be limited, the quality of those hunts may improve. The proposed amendment may also benefit still hunters and other recreationists who find dog deer hunting to be disruptive to their experience. Additionally, the amendment is expected to lower trespass incidences on neighboring properties, thus positively impacting landowners.

The proposed amendment to require permits for fox squirrels will not limit opportunities but will have a fiscal impact on hunters of \$8 to \$12 per season. This is likely to be a minor inconvenience, as permits can be purchased online, but may also be a deterrent to fox squirrel hunting on Sandhills Game Land.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES

The proposed amendment prohibits activities other than hunting, fishing, trapping, and authorized use of posted trails and parking areas on the Lutz Tract of the Pisgah Game Land.

The Lutz Tract portion of the game land is heavily used and overcrowded in the summer months with people camping and gathering. This use results in litter and human waste that creates environmental hazards and habitat degradation. The overcrowding also creates safety issues

along the narrow roadway where cars block the thoroughfare on a NCDOT roadway, hindering access for emergency vehicles if needed. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office has expressed concern and asked for allowed activities on the property to be restricted. The portion of Wilson Creek on the Lutz Tract is designated as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters, and additional use of the Lutz Tract impacts angler access and experience. The proposed amendment should help reduce overcrowding.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement. Staff will enforce the amendment as part of their regular duties.

#### *Local Impact*

The proposed amendment is anticipated to reduce overcrowding and reduce instances where visitors block road access for authorized users and/or emergency vehicles. This may lead to decreased effort in this area for local law enforcement. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific fiscal impacts of this potential benefit to local government.

#### *Private Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to negatively impact visitors who use the Lutz Tract for unauthorized recreational purposes, such as swimming and picnicking. It is expected that these visitors will switch to recreating on other nearby public lands that allow such activities. However, this reduction in unauthorized use is expected to have a positive impact on individuals who use the area for hunting, fishing and trapping by minimizing user conflicts and potentially improving user experience. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

### **GAME LAND DESIGNATIONS:**

#### 15A NCAC 10D .0217 CHOWAN GAME LAND IN CHOWAN COUNTY

The proposed amendment removes Chowan Game Land from the game land program and adds it to Chowan Swamp Game Land. The two game lands are geographically close and combining them will alleviate confusion among hunters and improve the accuracy of harvest reports.

### Fiscal Impact

#### *State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement.

*Local Impact*

The proposed amendment has no anticipated local government impact.

*Private Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to alleviate confusion among hunters and recreationists; however, it will decrease hunting opportunities on the former Chowan Game Land from seven days per week to six days per week during the open seasons. The WRC does not know how many hunters use Chowan Game Land and thus, has no mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

15A NCAC 10D .0267 ROBESON GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY

The proposed amendment removes Robeson Game Land from the game land program and converts it to a Wildlife Conservation Area. The game land's size and location make it a poor fit for the game land program. The property is situated adjacent to a mobile home park and access to the game land is via the park's main access road. Many game land users park in homeowner's front yards and field staff have received multiple calls with questions and concerns about access and trespassing. Additionally, residential dwellings are located within 75 feet of the game land boundary resulting in a significant portion of the game land off-limits for hunting with firearms.

Fiscal Impact

*State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement.

*Local Impact*

The proposed amendment has no anticipated local government impact.

*Private Impact*

The proposed amendment will decrease hunting opportunities on Robeson Game Land from four days per week to three days per week during the open seasons. The proposed amendment includes accompanying restrictions for Wildlife Conservation Areas that prohibit activities other than wildlife observation, hunting, trapping, or fishing. This restriction may negatively impact recreationists who use the property for those activities. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

**CONSTRUCTION:**

15A NCAC 10D .0249 MAYO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY

The proposed amendment prohibits private construction of piers, docks, moorings, or similar facilities or structures for more than 24 hours on the shoreline or lakebed of Mayo Lake.

The property owner, Duke Energy, has observed an increase in the number of major encroachments including unauthorized alteration of land and the construction of piers and docks, which violates their agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers. One of the most common encroachments found at Mayo Lake is the mooring of pontoon boat hulls with the intention of using the facility as a dock or pier, which is a violation of the USACE permit.

Fiscal Impact

*State Impact*

The proposed amendment is expected to have no State impact and will not require additional staff time or resources for implementation and enforcement. Staff will enforce the amendment as part of their regular duties.

*Local Impact*

The proposed amendment has no anticipated local government impact.

*Private Impact*

The proposed amendment may negatively impact some property owners who have unlawfully placed these prohibited structures in or next to the lake. The WRC does not have a mechanism to quantify the specific impacts of the proposed change on private entities.

## APPENDIX 1

### 1 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

2 (a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means a structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed from  
4 manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of the day's hunt.  
5 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or  
6 self-defense.  
7 (3) "Youth" means individuals under 18 years of age.

8 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the  
9 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional  
10 restrictions on entry or usage:

- 11 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to archery  
12 equipment and falconry. During the open deer seasons for these areas, antlered and antlerless deer  
13 may be taken.  
14 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person  
15 shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on a  
16 game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.  
17 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use  
18 of centerfire rifles is prohibited.  
19 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to use by the public,  
20 and entry on these areas is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife Resources  
21 Commission. The Commission may authorize entry when the primary purpose for the Restricted  
22 Zone shall not be compromised and the persons requesting entry demonstrate a valid need, or official  
23 business of the Commission is being conducted by a contractor or agent of the Commission. Valid  
24 needs may include access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to  
25 conduct activities in the public interest.  
26 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are  
27 closed to use by the public, and entry is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife  
28 Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone  
29 when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public.  
30 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge  
31 of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.  
32 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting  
33 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in G.S.  
34 113-264(d).  
35 (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" the use by the  
36 public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

37 (9) Sensitive Habitat Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Sensitive Habitat Zones" are closed to  
38 use by the public during the dates specified on the sign, and entry is prohibited without written  
39 approval from the Wildlife Resources Commission by calling 919-707-0150 and requesting a  
40 permit.

41 The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing  
42 the following zones: archery, restricted firearms, restricted deer hunting, day use only, or sensitive habitat. After the  
43 input meeting, the public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

44 (c) Littering. No person shall deposit litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse on any game land except in receptacles  
45 provided for disposal of refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage dumps or sanitary  
46 landfills shall be established on a game land by a person, firm, corporation, county, or municipality, except as  
47 permitted by the landowner.

48 (d) Use of weapons. ~~No~~ Except for archery equipment, as defined in Rule 10B .0116, no person shall discharge:  
49 discharge a weapon within 150 yards of:

50 (1) ~~a weapon within 150 yards of a game land building or designated game land camping area, except~~  
51 ~~where posted otherwise; or~~

52 (2) ~~a weapon within 150 yards of a residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on~~  
53 ~~Butner Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and~~

54 (3) ~~a firearm within 150 yards of a residence located on or adjacent to Butner Falls of Neuse and Jordan~~  
55 ~~Game Lands.~~

56 No person shall hunt with or have in possession a shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on a posted  
57 waterfowl impoundment on a game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer  
58 hunting. Individuals carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even  
59 if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott,  
60 and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other  
61 weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13, which is  
62 incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document may be accessed at  
63 [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov) at no cost. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee  
64 River Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of  
65 U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days  
66 for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

67 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length  
68 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;

69 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;

70 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or

71 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

72 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- 73 (1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, a person entering a game land to hunt,  
74 trap, run dogs, or train dogs using wildlife shall have in his or her possession a valid North Carolina  
75 hunting or trapping license.
- 76 (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants, as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114, in  
77 a field trial using wildlife shall possess a North Carolina hunting license, except non-residents may  
78 substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- 79 (3) For other field trials using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall  
80 possess a North Carolina hunting license.
- 81 (4) Exceptions:
- 82 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal  
83 guardian;
- 84 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103 (j)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is  
85 required for hunting doves; other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.
- 86 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. An individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial  
87 area shall file an application with the Commission to use the area with the facility use fee computed at the rate of three  
88 hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from  
89 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled  
90 day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which trials are not run but the building  
91 or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day shall be charged to sporting,  
92 educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or  
93 other entity shall enter or use the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox  
94 Trial facility without written approval from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no entry  
95 or use of a facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities  
96 shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than  
97 20 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during a calendar month, and no  
98 more than five days may be scheduled during a calendar week. A field trial requiring more than five days may be  
99 scheduled during one week with reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that  
100 the monthly maximum of 20 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial  
101 Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between the Wednesday on or nearest October  
102 18 and the second Friday before Thanksgiving and between the first Monday following Thanksgiving and March 31  
103 shall submit its proposed schedule of use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for consideration and approval. ~~The~~  
104 ~~use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills~~  
105 ~~Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1.~~  
106 Training dogs is prohibited at the Sandhills Field Trial facilities. Unless otherwise specified in Rules of this Subchapter  
107 and except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission, Dogs may dogs shall  
108 not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on game lands located west of I-95, or I-  
109 95, ~~except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be~~



110 ~~trained or permitted to run unleashed~~ from March 15 through June 15 on game lands located east of I-95, ~~except when~~  
111 ~~participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. I-95.~~ Additionally, on game lands  
112 located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program,  
113 dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special  
114 hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when the field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the game  
115 land or field trial facilities, and the applying organization demonstrates their experience and expertise in conducting  
116 genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be  
117 granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do  
118 not conflict with the mission of the agency.

119 (g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0300, trapping of furbearing animals,  
120 armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the open trapping seasons for those areas,  
121 established by rule. Foxes may be trapped on game lands from October 1 through the end of February in a county with  
122 an open fox trapping season that falls between October 1 and the end of February. Foxes may not be taken by trapping  
123 on game lands in counties with a closed fox trapping season or during a fox trapping season that occurs outside the  
124 dates of October 1 through the end of February. Additionally, fox trapping is allowed on game lands in Clay, Graham,  
125 Henderson, Macon, and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10 from the first to the  
126 fourth Saturday in January. Trapping is prohibited:

- 127 (1) on the J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of Sandhills Game Land;
- 128 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on a game land;
- 129 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,  
130 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- 131 (4) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands; and
- 132 (5) from April 1 through September 31.

133 At a trap, trappers may use a single bait site of grain, fruit, or other foods when trapping if the food is not a processed  
134 food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is covered to prevent it from being seen  
135 from above. Feathers, including those with attached skin or entire bird wings, hair with or without skin or hide, and  
136 bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera do not need to be covered.

137 (h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on a game land except on roads constructed,  
138 maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and on trails posted for vehicular travel, unless the person:

- 139 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land;  
140 or
- 141 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (l) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program  
142 Permit as described in Paragraph (l) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph  
143 (k).

144 (i) Camping.

- 145 (1) No person shall camp on a game land except on an area posted by the landowner for camping.

- 146           (2)     Camping on posted camping areas is allowed from September 1 through the last day of February  
147                     and from March 31 through May 31 unless otherwise specified in Rules of this Subchapter.
- 148           (3)     On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources  
149                     Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at a  
150                     designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period, unless otherwise specified in rules of  
151                     this Subchapter. After 14 consecutive days of camping, personal belongings shall be removed from  
152                     the game land.
- 153           ~~(3)~~(4)   A hunting, fishing, trapping or Game Lands License is required for individuals age 16 or older to  
154                     camp on game lands in areas posted for camping except when camping within 100 yards of the  
155                     Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land, within 100  
156                     yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land west of NC-43, and in posted areas along  
157                     the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.
- 158           (j)    Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds,  
159                     domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or  
160                     feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild fish  
161                     from one stream to another on game lands without written authorization. Written authorization shall be given when  
162                     release of animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native wildlife in  
163                     the area and is in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 164           (k)    Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use  
165                     on game lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (l) of this  
166                     Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from this restriction but shall  
167                     comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with  
168                     Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other all-terrain wheelchairs on areas where foot travel is  
169                     allowed. Off road vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, and ebikes are not permitted.
- 170           (l)    Disabled Access Program. Disabled individuals who meet the requirements of G.S. 113-296 may obtain a Disabled  
171                     Access Permit and Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org). The Disabled Access Permit allows  
172                     individuals to operate electric wheel chairs, all-terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-  
173                     maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads  
174                     otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands  
175                     whose owners have agreed to that use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated  
176                     online, at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or  
177                     trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified  
178                     disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is constantly in  
179                     visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in lawful activities while assisting  
180                     a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. A vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to  
181                     game lands under this provision shall have the Disabled Access Permit available for inspection by wildlife  
182                     enforcement officers upon request. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions

183 may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on  
184 a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land. It is unlawful for  
185 anyone other than disabled persons holding a Disabled Access Permit, during waterfowl season, to hunt within 100  
186 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.  
187 The Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification allows individuals to apply for available Disabled sportsman permit  
188 hunting opportunities as prescribed in G.S. 113-296.

189 (m) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on game lands, including land or water.  
190 For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully opaque  
191 covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the areola while  
192 in a public place.

193 (n) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated shooting  
194 ranges for purposes other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills, or for  
195 other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. Other uses, including camping, building fires, operating  
196 concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, unless  
197 written authorization is obtained from the Commission. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit  
198 debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the  
199 range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot items made of glass on the  
200 grounds of the range. No person may leave a vehicle or other obstruction in a location or position that it will prevent,  
201 impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave a vehicle or other  
202 object parked in a place on the shooting range other than the place or zone that is designated and posted or marked as  
203 an authorized parking zone. No person shall handle firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or  
204 reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure  
205 while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause rifled or smoothbore  
206 projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the  
207 range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to a person. Persons using a shooting range shall obey posted range safety  
208 rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard shall leave the shooting range  
209 if directed to by law enforcement officers or to leave by Commission employees. No person shall handle firearms on  
210 a shooting range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic  
211 beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at  
212 least one sign shall be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using a shooting range, shall do  
213 an act that is prohibited or neglect to do an act that is required by signs or markings placed on the area under authority  
214 of this Rule for regulating the use of the area.

215 (o) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July, and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are  
216 open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These roads shall be posted with the opening and closing  
217 times.

218 (p) No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of a bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part  
219 thereof, or possess a bird or animal that has been so mutilated.

220 (q) Baiting. Except as provided in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, no person shall place, or cause to be placed on a game  
221 land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without written authorization from an agent of the Commission. Written  
222 authorization may be provided for Commission authorized projects or Commission contractors to meet specific  
223 objectives. Except as authorized by rule, no person shall take or attempt to take wild birds or wild animals attracted to  
224 these foods.

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226 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-270.3; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305; 113-306;*  
227 *143-318.10;*  
228 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
229 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; April 1, 1992;*  
230 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 1993;*  
231 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994;*  
232 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
233 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
234 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 31, 2001;*  
235 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;*  
236 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004; (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
237 *2003);*  
238 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; January 1, 2012; June 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
239 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; November 1, 2005;*  
240 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2014;*  
241 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2023; August 1, 2022; August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020; August 1, 2017;*  
242 *August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
243 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023;*  
244 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2023.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0205 BLADEN LAKES STATE FOREST GAME LAND IN BLADEN COUNTY**

2 Bladen Lakes State Forest ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season.
- 5 (2) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- 6 (3) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- 7 (4) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- 8 (5) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
9 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas both designated and posted as for camping areas, as specified in Rule .0102  
10 of this Subchapter.
- 11 (6) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through August  
12 1.

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
15 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND**  
2 **WAKE COUNTIES**

3 Butner-Falls of Neuse ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for  
5 Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- 6 (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:  
7 (a) the opening and closing days of the waterfowl seasons;  
8 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and  
9 (c) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 10 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl  
11 hunting after November 1.
- 12 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 13 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 15 (6) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- 16 (7) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to  
17 hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game  
18 animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May ~~15~~ 16 through  
19 August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May ~~14~~ 15.
- 20 (8) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
21 ~~14.~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 22 (9) Camping is allowed year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall  
23 not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping  
24 area.

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26 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
27 *Eff. November 1, 2022;*  
28 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0212 BUXTON WOODS GAME LAND IN DARE COUNTY**

2 Buxton Woods ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season through the first Friday thereafter.  
5 (2) Target shooting is prohibited.  
6 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails.

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8 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
9 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0215 R. WAYNE BAILEY-CASWELL GAME LAND IN CASWELL COUNTY**

2 (a) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken from the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season  
4 for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 5 (2) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through  
6 August 31, and on Sundays only, September 1 through May 15. Horseback riding is allowed on  
7 roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian  
8 use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license  
9 as required by G.S. 270.3(b)(3).
- 10 (3) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit after November 1.
- 11 (4) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
12 ~~14.~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 13 (5) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.

14 (b) Hunting shall be by permit for the following species in the area posted as the Caswell Small Game Focal Area:

- 15 (1) quail and woodcock; and  
16 (2) rabbit and squirrel on days outside of the three days per week framework.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
19 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
20 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2024; August 1, 2023.*



1 **15A NCAC 10D .0217 CHOWAN GAME LAND IN CHOWAN COUNTY**

2 ~~Chowan game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:~~

3 ~~(1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers~~  
4 ~~Season.~~

5 ~~(2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
8 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0218 CHOWAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BERTIE, GATES, AND HERTFORD**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Chowan Swamp ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
5 Season.
- 6 (2) Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November bear season  
7 and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December bear season except in that portion  
8 of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway  
9 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season  
10 is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
- 11 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
12 ~~14 in areas both designated and~~ allowed on areas posted as for camping areas as specified in Rule  
13 .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 14 (4) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only  
15 September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated  
16 roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 17 (5) Target shooting is prohibited.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
20 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES**

2 Goose Creek ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season.
- 5 (2) Except as provided in 15A NCAC 10D ~~.0103(d)(2)~~, .0103(e), waterfowl in posted waterfowl  
6 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 7 (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 8 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 9 (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 10 (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in ~~October~~ October, through the end of all  
11 waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments:  
12 Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.
- 13 (4) On Spring Lake, Pamlico Point, and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments, all activities,  
14 except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping  
15 season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through  
16 March 15.
- 17 (5) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February~~ February, and March 31  
18 ~~through May 14 14, in areas both designated and allowed on areas posted as for camping areas. as~~  
19 specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 20 (6) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through  
21 January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.
- 22 (7) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on  
23 the Beaufort County portion north of ~~NC N.C. 33 33~~, except for that portion east of Smith Creek  
24 and south of Campbell Creek.
- 25 (8) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 26 (9) *Hunting for deer, bear, and turkey on the Bates-Bay Tract is by permit only.*

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
29 *Temporary Adoption Eff. December 1, 2022;*  
30 *Eff. March 15, 2023. 2023;*  
31 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2025.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY**

2 Gull Rock Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season.
- 5 (2) Waterfowl on ~~posted waterfowl impoundments~~ the E. Merle Edwards/Loop Road Impoundment  
6 shall be taken only on the following days:  
7 (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;  
8 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and  
9 (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- 10 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February February, and March 31~~  
11 ~~through May 14 14, in~~ allowed on areas designated and posted as for camping areas. as specified in  
12 Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 13 (4) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear ~~Season~~  
14 Season, and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.
- 15 (5) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments on the Willow Point tract is by permit only.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
18 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
19 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 2022;*  
20 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; June 1, 2023.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0236 HOLLY SHELTER GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY**

2 Holly Shelter ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season.
- 5 (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:  
6 (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;  
7 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and  
8 (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
10 ~~14 in areas designated and~~ allowed on areas posted as for camping areas, as specified in Rule .0102  
11 of this Subchapter.
- 12 (4) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the  
13 Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are  
14 permit only.
- 15 (5) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:  
16 (a) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west  
17 to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park  
18 Road and east of Stag Park Road; and  
19 (b) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and  
20 New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road  
21 to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50,  
22 where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
- 23 (6) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of  
24 February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless  
25 otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 26 (7) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within  
27 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- 28 (8) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- 29 (9) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

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31 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
32 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0239 JOHNS RIVER GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

2 Johns River ~~game land~~ Game Land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- 3 (1) During permitted deer hunts, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken by permit holders.
- 4 (2) The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 5 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~  
6 allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 7 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 8 (5) *During the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals, the use of bicycles is*  
9 *restricted to hunters engaged in the act of hunting.*

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

12 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; August 1, 2023.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Jordan ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on open days of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer  
5 With Visible Antlers.
- 6 (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on:  
7 (a) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;  
8 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and  
9 (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 10 (3) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only on those areas posted as American  
11 Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding  
12 is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On  
13 other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May  
14 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or  
15 older shall obtain a game land license prior to engaging in horseback riding on an area other than  
16 the American Tobacco Trail.
- 17 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 19 (6) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to  
20 hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds  
21 and game animals.
- 22 (7) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
23 14. allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
26 *Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
27 *Eff. March 15, 2023;*  
28 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0241 JUNIPER CREEK GAME LAND IN BRUNSWICK AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES**

2 (a) Juniper Creek ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area. The following applies:

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

4 (2) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
5 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas both designated and posted as for camping areas, as specified in Rule .0102  
6 of this Subchapter.

7 (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

10 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0249 MAYO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY**

2 Mayo ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 3 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
4 Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 5 (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:  
6 (a) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;  
7 (b) Christmas and New Year's Days; and  
8 (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (3) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 (4) Placement of docks, piers, and personal property for more than 24 consecutive hours on the shoreline  
11 or lakebed of Mayo Lake is prohibited.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

14 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND**  
2 **STANLY COUNTIES**

3 Pee Dee River ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for  
5 Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- 6 (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 7 (3) Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays  
8 only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and gated roads and  
9 trails posted for equestrian use.
- 10 (4) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be ~~prohibited~~  
11 ~~on that portion south of US-74. prohibited, except on that portion north of US-74 and east of Pee~~  
12 Dee River where hunting shall be by permit only.

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
15 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL,**  
2 **HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL,**  
3 **TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

4 Pisgah game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 5 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
6 Season.
- 7 (2) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke  
8 County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 9 (3) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke  
10 County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of  
11 an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.
- 12 (4) Alcohol and fires are prohibited in the Wilson Creek portion of Pisgah Game Land (Caldwell  
13 County)
- 14 (5) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County),  
15 and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 16 (6) Activities other than hunting, fishing, trapping, and authorized use of posted trails and parking areas  
17 are prohibited on the Lutz Tract (Caldwell County).

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
20 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0265 ROANOKE RIVER WETLANDS IN BERTIE, HALIFAX, MARTIN, AND**  
2 **NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES**

3 Roanoke River Wetlands is hunting and trapping by Permit only, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by  
5 permit holders.
- 6 (2) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
7 ~~14 in allowed on areas both designated and posted as for camping areas, provided, however, that~~  
8 ~~camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state owned portion~~  
9 ~~of the game land, as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.~~
- 10 (3) Target Shooting is prohibited.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
13 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0267 ROBESON GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY**

2 ~~Robeson game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:~~

3 ~~(1) — Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers~~  
4 ~~Season.~~

5 ~~(2) — Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

8 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Sandhills ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from the Wednesday on or  
5 nearest October 18 through March 31 except as follows:
- 6 (a) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on the open days of the  
7 archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder  
8 firearms and archery equipment the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through  
9 the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be  
10 taken with all lawful weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through  
11 the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - 12 (b) dove may be taken on open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third  
13 Saturday thereafter;
  - 14 (c) gray and fox squirrel may be taken on open days from the second Saturday before  
15 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - 16 (d) rabbit may be taken on open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day  
17 through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - 18 (e) waterfowl may be taken on open days during waterfowl season;
  - 19 (f) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit  
20 Hunt; and
  - 21 (g) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest  
22 October 15 through the last day of February.
- 23 (2) Antlered or Antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the  
24 Saturday on or nearest to September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 25 (3) Antlered or Antlerless deer may be taken with Blackpowder firearms or archery equipment on open  
26 hunting days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the  
27 second week thereafter.
- 28 ~~(2)(4)~~ The Antlered deer may be taken with all lawful weapons on Deer With Visible Antlers season is the  
29 open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday  
30 after Thanksgiving Day Day, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 31 (5) Antlerless deer hunting during the All Lawful Weapons Season is by permit only.
- 32 (6) Antlered deer may be taken with Blackpowder firearms or archery equipment, except on the J.  
33 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, on open hunting days from the third Monday after  
34 Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 35 ~~(3)~~ The archery season is on open days from the Saturday on or nearest to September 10 to the fourth  
36 Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third  
37 Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with

1 archery equipment on open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with  
2 Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only  
3 deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through  
4 January 1.

5 (4) Blackpowder firearms season is the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving  
6 Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon  
7 Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or  
8 antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days during the  
9 blackpowder firearms season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday  
10 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.

11 (5) Antlered and antlerless deer hunting during the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible  
12 Antlers is by permit only.

13 (6)(7) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of  
14 the applicable waterfowl seasons.

15 (7)(8) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

16 (8)(9) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from the Wednesday on or nearest October 18 through March  
17 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the  
18 remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular  
19 traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.

20 (9)(10) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
21 14. allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.

22 (10)(11) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.

23 (11)(12) Swimming is prohibited in the lakes.

24 (13) Fox squirrel hunting is by permit only.

25 (14) Hunting deer with dogs is by permit only.

26 (15) Training dogs for the purpose of pursuing or chasing deer is prohibited.

27 (16) An individual convicted of a wildlife or trespass violation while hunting deer with dogs shall not be  
28 eligible to receive a permit for hunting deer with dogs the season following conviction.

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31 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
32 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0275 SHOCCO CREEK GAME LAND IN FRANKLIN, HALIFAX, NASH, AND**  
2 **WARREN COUNTIES**

3 Shocco Creek ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
5 Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 6 (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 7 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
8 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas ~~both designated and~~ posted as for camping areas. as specified in Rule .0102  
9 of this Subchapter.
- 10 (4) Target Shooting is prohibited.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

13 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*



1 **15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL,**  
2 **AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

3 South Mountains ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers Season begins on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through  
5 January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment beginning the Saturday  
6 on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms  
7 Season described in this Rule. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms  
8 beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers  
9 described in this Rule through the second Friday thereafter.
- 10 (2) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible  
11 Antlers Season.
- 12 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
- 13 (a) January 2 through March 31;  
14 (b) May 16 through August 31;  
15 (c) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and  
16 (d) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.
- 17 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (5) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
19 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas both designated and posted as for camping areas: as specified in Rule .0102  
20 of this Subchapter.
- 21 (6) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area  
22 is 14 days within any 30-day period.

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24 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
25 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 5, 2024;*  
27 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2024.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0278 SUGGS MILL POND GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND CUMBERLAND**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Suggs Mill Pond ~~game land~~ Game Land is hunting and trapping by permit only, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
5 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas ~~both designated and posted as for camping areas. as specified in Rule .0102~~  
6 of this Subchapter.
- 7 (2) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:  
8 (a) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and  
9 (b) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 10 (3) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on  
11 Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl  
12 hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources  
13 Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 14 (4) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl  
15 impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and  
16 current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S.  
17 113-264(d).

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
20 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0283 THURMOND CHATHAM GAME LAND IN ALLEGHANY AND WILKES**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Thurmond Chatham ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
5 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 6 (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all  
7 horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback  
8 riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license as required by G.S. 270.3(b)(3).
- 9 (3) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
10 ~~14.~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
13 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0291 WHITEHALL PLANTATION GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND PENDER**  
2 **COUNTIES**

3 Whitehall Plantation ~~game land~~ Game Land is hunting and trapping by permit only, in which the following applies:

- 4 (1) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
5 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas both designated and posted as for camping areas, as specified in Rule .0102  
6 of this Subchapter.
- 7 (2) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on  
8 the Long Ridge Tract.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
11 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*

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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0294 NORTH BEND GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

2 North Bend ~~game land~~ Game Land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- 3 (1) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated trails, except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting  
4 during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 5 (2) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
6 14. allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 7 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 8 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
11 *Eff. August 1, 2024.*

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