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Dear Wildlife Stakeholders,

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission proposes adjustments to hunting, fishing and trapping seasons each year in response to wildlife population changes, wildlife conservation objectives, or public needs and desires. This year, we also adjusted our rulemaking cycle by moving annual public hearings to September to better ensure timely adoption of rules and provide better service to North Carolina sportsmen and sportswomen.

We completed our strategic plan, identifying seven broad goals to support wildlife conservation efforts and provide sustainable opportunities for fishing, boating, hunting, trapping and other wildlife-related activities for all of North Carolina's citizens. Strategic objectives within each goal direct actions necessary to achieve our vision, and these actions form the basis for Commission programs that deliver effective wildlife conservation across the state. We invite you to review the plan. It is intended to be revised and updated as needed, as we continually refine our approaches to the challenges of wildlife conservation. You can find a copy of the plan on our website at www.ncwildlife.org.

With the launch of our e-newsletter, **N.C. Wildlife Update**, we now offer you timely information, such as season dates, agency news releases, program and legislative updates, education workshops, events and more. Subscribe at www.ncwildlife.org/enews.

While we look forward to your input at our public hearings each year, we welcome your comments and suggestions throughout the year. Communicating with our stakeholders is a priority for the Commission and public comment is a critical component in our decision-making process. We urge you to let us know your views. Attend a public hearing, write to us at 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1701, call us at (919) 707-0010, or send an e-mail to wrccomments@ncwildlife.org.

From the beautiful beaches, black water streams and pocosins of our coast; the rolling hills, woodlands, lakes and rivers of our piedmont, to the clear mountain streams and majestic forests of our mountains, we are fortunate to enjoy some of the most diverse outdoor opportunities in the nation. We encourage you to get out in the field and on the water and take part in North Carolina's natural world through wildlife-associated recreation. Your participation is a contribution to wildlife and future generations of outdoor enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

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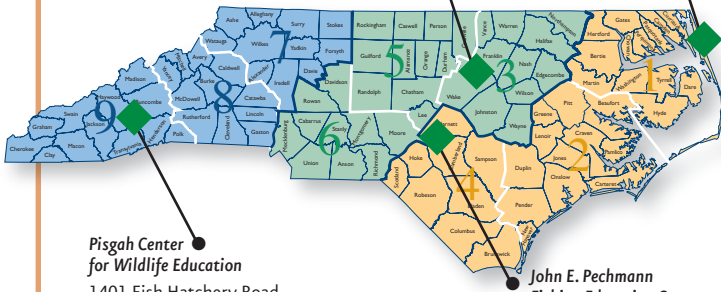
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Please note: For the convenience of the reader, major regulation changes appear in RED.

Cover photos Left: Derek Argotti holds a 46" female muskellunge that was caught and released. Photo by Brian Argotti. Right: Larry Dickerson, president of the North American Falconers Association, holds a Finnish goshawk. Photo by Keith Hendrickson.
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General Information The services that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission provides to the public are financed primarily through the sale of licenses, which include hunting, fishing, trapping and other licenses. The various types of licenses sold by the Commission differ with respect to the activities they authorize, where and when the activities occur, and where the license-holder resides. This section provides some general information about these licenses, followed by detailed summaries of the various licenses available, the privileges they authorize and the associated fees. All licenses are nontransferable.

Replacement Licenses To replace a license that becomes worn, lost or destroyed, call (888) 248-6834 or go to www.ncwildlife.org to obtain an application. A \$5 fee is charged to defray the cost of processing.

Reciprocal Fishing License Agreements A reciprocal fishing license agreement is in effect between North Carolina and each of the states listed below. The agreement provides for the following: All statewide hook-and-line fishing licenses obtainable from either North Carolina or the respective state are honored on certain boundary waters as noted:

Georgia—The agreement with Georgia covers fishing from boats not anchored to the shore or to a pier or boat dock connecting to the shore on Chatuge Reservoir including all tributaries that are accessible by boat from the main body of the reservoir.

Tennessee—The agreement with Tennessee covers the state-line portion of Slick Rock Creek and boat fishing on Calderwood Reservoir.

Virginia—The agreement with Virginia covers the Dan River east of the Brantly Steam Plant Dam, the Staunton River east of the Rt. 360 bridge, and Kerr and Gaston reservoirs and their tributaries that are accessible by boat. The Rt. 360 bridge is the first bridge crossing the Staunton River upstream of Kerr Reservoir. The agreement also covers that portion of the New River between the confluence of the North and South forks of the New River in North Carolina (Alleghany County) and the confluence of the New and Little rivers in Virginia (Grayson County).

No reciprocal agreements exist between North Carolina and South Carolina that provide for honoring the other state's fishing licenses on any boundary waters.

Purchasing Licenses You can purchase a license in four ways:

- **Visit a wildlife service agent**—Most licenses, including lifetime licenses, can be obtained from your local wildlife service agent. Be prepared to present your valid driver license or state identification card.
- **Visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org**—Most licenses are available for purchase online.
- **Phone (888) 2HUNTFISH (888) 248-6834**—Have a pen, paper, VISA or MasterCard, your driver license number and WRC customer number handy.
- **All licenses may be obtained directly from the Wildlife Resources Commission in person** at NCSU Centennial Campus, 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC or by mail.

Please note: Sportsmen purchasing licenses online or by telephone will be eligible to exercise the privileges of the license immediately after completing the transaction or telephone call.

License Information For more information on licenses, obtaining license applications or obtaining a list of wildlife service agents nearest you, visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, call us at (888) 248-6834, or write to this address: NCWRC, 1707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1707.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS

License Identification Requirements To show entitlement to a license issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission, anyone exercising the privileges conveyed by the license shall carry a picture identification card and show it to any wildlife enforcement officer upon request. The picture identification card should include the license-holder's correct name, address and date of birth. (A North Carolina Driver License or Dept. of Motor Vehicles identification card is acceptable.)

Residency Definitions and Requirements

Resident—You are considered a resident if you have resided in the state for six months or have been domiciled (established a permanent residence) for 60 days. When residency is used to establish eligibility, the applicant must complete a Certificate of Residency, available from a wildlife service agent or the Wildlife Resources Commission, certifying that he has maintained his residence in a county of the state for at least 60 days with the intent to reside there permanently or indefinitely.

Students—Nonresident students may purchase a resident license while attending a university, college or community college in North Carolina. When purchasing your license from a wildlife service agent, you must show your valid student identification.

Military—Nonresident members of the armed forces (including their spouses and children under 18) who are stationed in the state are deemed residents of the state and of the counties in which they reside for the purpose of purchasing resident licenses.

County—Resident county licenses are limited to the county in which the person resides.

Nonresident—Nonresident status applies to anyone who does not live in the state of North Carolina, with the exceptions noted above (students and members of the armed forces).

Hunter Safety Course Requirement No person, regardless of age, may procure a hunting license in this state without first producing a Certificate of Competency showing completion of a hunter safety course or a hunting license issued prior to July 1, 1991, or a signed statement (shown on the license) that he or she had such a license. The hunter safety course is a minimum of 10 contact hours. Each student must score a minimum of 70 on the written exam and must also meet the "hands-on" minimum requirements. For more information pertaining to hunter safety courses, visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, or write to the NCWRC Division of Wildlife Enforcement, 1718 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1718.

Big Game Harvest Report Card Requirement Big game harvest report cards always expire on June 30 of each year. If your hunting license and big game hunting privilege license are still valid after the big game harvest report card expires, you may obtain a replenishment card at no charge from either the Wildlife Resources Commission or any wildlife service agent. Lifetime license-holders also may obtain the big game harvest report card by going online at www.ncwildlife.org, calling (888) 248-6834, or visiting a wildlife service agent. Persons exempt by law from the big game hunting license must obtain a "License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card" for license-exempt hunters (at no charge) from a wildlife service agent. For more information on license exceptions, refer to the "Exceptions to License Requirements" section on this page. Authorization numbers for big game animals, taken prior to receiving the big game harvest report card via the mail (when license is purchased by telephone), must be recorded and available for inspection. Once the harvest report card is received by mail, the big game kill authorization number

must be recorded on the harvest report card and the card validated for the appropriate animal. For more information on big game reporting, refer to the “Big Game Harvest and Reporting” section on page 55.

HIP Certification Requirement All licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds (doves, rails, woodcocks, gallinule, snipes or waterfowl) in North Carolina are required to have a certificate of participation in the federal Harvest Information Program (HIP). This certification can be obtained free of charge by going online at www.ncwildlife.org, calling (888) 248-6834, or visiting a wildlife service agent. Persons exempt by law from the hunting license requirement are not required to obtain the HIP certification.

Federal Duck Stamp In addition to the North Carolina waterfowl privilege, waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to carry on their person the federal duck stamp, signed in ink across the face. Federal duck stamps can be obtained at most U.S. post offices or from selected wildlife service agents. Visit www.duckstamp.com to order the duck stamp online or to find the duck stamp retailer nearest you. The federal duck stamp expires on June 30 of each year.

Exceptions to License Requirements

General

- A youth under age 16, accompanied by a properly licensed adult, may enjoy those privileges conveyed by the licenses held by the accompanying adult.
- A youth under 16, who has obtained a certificate of competency showing his or her completion of the hunter safety course, may hunt without a license, but must carry his or her certificate while hunting.
- A landowner or person leasing land primarily for cultivation, their spouse, and dependents under 18 residing with them,

may hunt, trap and fish on such land without a license.

- A resident of this state who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States serving outside the state, or who is on full-time military duty outside the state in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt from hunting, inland and coastal fishing license requirements while on leave in this state for 30 days or less. Those who qualify for this exemption shall carry on his or her person at all times, during the hunting or fishing activity, their military identification card and a copy of the official document confirming they are on authorized leave from a duty station outside of North Carolina.

An individual exempt from the requirements of a hunting license must obtain a “License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card” from the Wildlife Resources Commission or a wildlife service agent, at no charge, when exercising the privileges of big game hunting.

Inland Fishing

- Persons under age 16 are exempt from the requirement of a basic inland fishing and trout privilege license.
- The game lands license is not required to fish in any waters on game lands or Wildlife Conservation Areas.
- An inland fishing license is not required to fish in a private pond. A private pond is a body of water arising within and lying wholly upon the lands of a single owner or a single group of joint owners or tenants in common, and from which fish cannot escape, and into which fish of legal size cannot enter from public waters at any time. A pond or lake located on land owned by a public body such as a state-supported university or a governmental entity is not a private pond.
- July 4th is declared “FREE FISHING DAY,” and a fishing license and trout privilege license are not required in any public waters on this date.

LICENSE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

Purchase your license online at www.ncwildlife.org

HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING COMBINATION LICENSES

Following is a list of annual and lifetime combination hunting and inland fishing licenses and the privilege license(s) and certification(s) associated with each. Privilege licenses and certifications authorize a particular hunting or inland fishing activity not included with a basic license type. Privileges may be purchased separately if the purchaser holds a valid basic license. If a privilege license is not listed, the license type includes the special hunting or inland fishing activity. HIP Certification is required for all those planning to hunt migratory game birds, including lifetime license-holders. See page 7 for a complete list of privileges and certifications.

ANNUAL LICENSES Annual licenses, privileges and certifications are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Refer to page 13 for a list of annual Unified Sportsman/Coastal Fishing licenses.

- **Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic):** Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents during a license term. Includes fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters.

Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:

Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey.

Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.

Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

Special Trout Fishing: Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.

- **Sportsman:** Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents during a license term. Includes the privileges of hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters.

Additional Certification Available:

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
• Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic):	\$20	N/A
Big Game Hunting:	\$10	N/A
Game Lands:	\$15	N/A
Waterfowl Hunting:	\$10	N/A
HIP Certification (federal requirement):	FREE	N/A
Special Trout Fishing:	\$10	N/A
• Sportsman:	\$40	N/A
HIP Certification (federal requirement):	FREE	N/A

LIFETIME LICENSES Lifetime licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license-holder. The privilege license and HIP Certification are valid for 12 months from date of purchase. Refer to pages 13–14 for a list of lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Fishing licenses.

	Resident	Nonresident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsman (ages 12 & older): Statewide hunting and inland fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. <i>Additional Privilege License and Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the lifetime sportsman license, to hunt bear or wild boar. HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$500	\$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsman (ages 1–11): Statewide hunting and inland fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. 	\$350	\$350
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsman (under age 1): Statewide hunting and inland fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. 	\$200	\$200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 65 (or older) Sportsman: Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. <i>Additional Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$15	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled Veteran Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic): Statewide basic hunting and inland fishing for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled veterans as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions. <i>Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey. Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands. Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl. HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$10	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Totally Disabled Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic): Statewide basic hunting and inland fishing for residents who are totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions. <i>Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey. Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands. Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl. HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$10	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled Veteran Sportsman: Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions. <i>Additional Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$100	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Totally Disabled Sportsman: Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents who are totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions. <i>Additional Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	\$100	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled Veteran Sportsman: Statewide hunting and inland fishing for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions. <i>Additional Certification Available:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock). 	FREE	N/A

HUNTING LICENSES

Following is a list of short-term, annual and lifetime hunting licenses and the privilege license(s) and certification associated with each. Privilege licenses and certifications authorize a particular hunting activity not included with a basic license type. Privileges may be purchased separately if the purchaser holds a valid basic license. If a privilege license is not listed, the license type includes the special hunting activity. HIP Certification is required for all those planning to hunt migratory game birds, including lifetime license-holders. See page 7 for a complete list of privileges and certifications. See table below for reciprocal license fee information for Ga., S.C., Tenn., and Va. residents.

SHORT-TERM LICENSE *Short-term licenses are valid for the period specified on the license. Privileges and certifications are valid 12 months from the date of purchase unless otherwise noted. If planning to hunt on Sunday on a military installation that allows Sunday hunting, license must be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org, by mail, by telephone (888) 248-6834, or in person at WRC headquarters in Raleigh.*

- **State Hunting—Six-Day (basic):** Statewide hunting for nonresidents during the six-day period specified on the license.

Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:

Big Game Hunting—Six-Day: Hunting of deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey during the six-day period specified on the license. This license privilege is needed in addition to the basic state hunting license. Does not include the nonresident bear/wild boar hunting privilege.

Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the short-term state hunting license and the big game hunting privilege, to hunt bear or wild boar.

Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.

Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

ANNUAL LICENSE *Annual licenses, privileges, and certifications are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.*

- **State Hunting (basic):** Statewide hunting during a license term.

Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:

Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey. Nonresidents hunting bear or wild boar must also purchase the Bear/Wild Boar Privilege License.

Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the annual state hunting license and the big game hunting privilege, to hunt bear or wild boar.

Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.

Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

- **County Hunting (basic):** Hunting within the county of residence during a license term.

Additional Privilege Licenses and Certification Available:

Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey.

Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.

Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

- **Comprehensive Hunting:** Statewide hunting for residents during a license term. Also includes the privileges of hunting for big game, hunting on game lands and hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp).

Additional Certification Available:

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

LIFETIME LICENSE *Lifetime licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license-holder. The HIP Certification is valid for 12 months from date of purchase.*

- **State Comprehensive Hunting:** Statewide hunting, hunting for big game, hunting on game lands and hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp).

Additional Certification Available:

HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

	Resident	Nonresident
• State Hunting—Six-Day (basic): Statewide hunting for nonresidents during the six-day period specified on the license.	N/A	\$40*
Big Game Hunting—Six-Day: Hunting of deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey during the six-day period specified on the license. This license privilege is needed in addition to the basic state hunting license. Does not include the nonresident bear/wild boar hunting privilege.	N/A	\$40*
Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the short-term state hunting license and the big game hunting privilege, to hunt bear or wild boar.	N/A	\$125
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.	N/A	\$15
Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.	N/A	\$10
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	N/A	FREE
• State Hunting (basic): Statewide hunting during a license term.	\$15	\$60*
Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey. Nonresidents hunting bear or wild boar must also purchase the Bear/Wild Boar Privilege License.	\$10	\$60*
Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the annual state hunting license and the big game hunting privilege, to hunt bear or wild boar.	N/A	\$125
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.	\$15	\$15
Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.	\$10	\$10
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	FREE	FREE
• County Hunting (basic): Hunting within the county of residence during a license term.	\$10	N/A
Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey.	\$10	N/A
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.	\$15	N/A
Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.	\$10	N/A
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	FREE	N/A
• Comprehensive Hunting: Statewide hunting for residents during a license term. Also includes the privileges of hunting for big game, hunting on game lands and hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp).	\$30	N/A
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	FREE	N/A
• State Comprehensive Hunting: Statewide hunting, hunting for big game, hunting on game lands and hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp).	\$250	N/A
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	FREE	N/A

*The following reciprocal license fees apply to Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia residents:

License type	Ga.	S.C.	Tenn.	Va.
Season Hunt	\$ 60	\$125	\$ 60	\$80
Season Big Game	\$118	\$100	\$100	\$60
6-Day Hunt	\$ 40	\$ 70	\$ 55	\$50
6-Day Big Game	\$103	\$ 70	\$ 50	\$50

INLAND FISHING LICENSES

Following is a list of short-term, annual and lifetime inland fishing licenses and the privilege license(s) associated with each. The privilege license authorizes a particular inland fishing activity not included with the basic license type. Privileges may be purchased separately if purchaser holds a valid basic license. If a privilege license is not listed, the license type includes the special inland fishing activity. These licenses include fishing in joint waters. They do not include fishing in coastal waters. See page 7 for a complete list of privileges and certifications. **NOTE:** Individuals 16 years of age or older using any type of bait or gear to catch finfish while fishing in North Carolina's public waters must possess a valid North Carolina fishing license. This license requirement does not apply to private ponds. Individual residents who receive Food Stamps, Medicaid or Work First Family Assistance may obtain a written waiver (Annual Subsistence License Waiver) from this fishing license requirement through their county Department of Social Services.

	Resident	Nonresident
<p>SHORT-TERM LICENSE <i>Short-term licenses are valid for the period specified on the license. Privileges are valid 12 months from the date of purchase.</i></p> <p>• State Inland Fishing 10-Day (basic): Statewide inland fishing during the 10-day period specified on the license. Includes fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. <i>Additional Privilege License Available:</i> Special Trout Fishing: Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.</p>	\$5	\$10
<p>ANNUAL LICENSE <i>Annual licenses and privileges are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Refer to page 13 for a list of annual Inland/Coastal Fishing licenses.</i></p> <p>• State Inland Fishing (basic): Statewide inland fishing during a license term. Includes fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. <i>Additional Privilege License Available:</i> Special Trout Fishing: Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.</p> <p>• County Inland Fishing (basic): Inland fishing within the county of residence during a license term. Includes fishing in joint waters within the county of residence. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. <i>Additional Privilege License Available:</i> Special Trout Fishing: Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.</p> <p>• Comprehensive Inland Fishing: Statewide inland fishing for residents during a license term. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters.</p> <p>• Special Inland Fishing Devices (basic/noncommercial): Authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland waters (does not include joint and coastal waters) during designated seasons with nets, traps, gigs, reels, spear guns, baskets, bow and arrow, and any other authorized special fishing device. Includes the sale of these nongame fish. Taking of nongame fishes with bow and arrow is authorized under any of the licenses providing basic hunting or inland fishing privileges. This license is valid when no more than three special fishing devices are used.</p> <p>• Special Inland Fishing Devices (basic/commercial): Authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland waters (does not include joint and coastal waters) during designated seasons with nets, traps, gigs, reels, spear guns, baskets, bow and arrow, and any other authorized special fishing device. Includes the sale of these nongame fish. Taking of nongame fishes with bow and arrow is authorized under any of the licenses providing basic hunting or inland fishing privileges. This license is valid when four or more special fishing devices are used.</p>	\$15	\$30
<p>LIFETIME LICENSE <i>Lifetime licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license holder. Refer to pages 13–14 for a list of lifetime Unified Inland/ Coastal Fishing licenses.</i></p> <p>• State Comprehensive Inland Fishing: Statewide inland fishing. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters.</p> <p>• Age 65 (or older) Comprehensive Inland Fishing: Statewide inland fishing for residents. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters.</p> <p>• Disabled Veteran Inland Fishing: Statewide inland fishing for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled veterans as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.</p> <p>• Totally Disabled Inland Fishing: Statewide inland fishing for residents who are totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.</p>	\$10	\$10
	\$10	N/A
	\$10	N/A
	\$20	N/A
	\$10	\$50
	\$100	\$200
	\$250	N/A
	\$15	N/A
	\$10	N/A
	\$10	N/A

TRAPPING LICENSES

	Resident	Nonresident
ANNUAL LICENSE <i>Annual and privilege licenses are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.</i>		
• State Trapping (basic): Statewide trapping during a license term. <i>Additional Privilege License Available:</i>	\$25	\$100
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.	\$15	\$15
• County Trapping (basic): Trapping within the county of residence during a license term. <i>Additional Privilege License Available:</i>	\$10	N/A
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands.	\$15	N/A

PRIVILEGE LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

For your convenience, we have separately listed the privilege licenses and certifications below. Annual privilege licenses and certifications authorize particular hunting or inland fishing activities and must be obtained in addition to the appropriate basic license. Privileges may be purchased separately if the purchaser holds a valid license. Privilege licenses and certifications are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. HIP Certification is required for all those planning to hunt migratory game birds, including lifetime license-holders.

	Resident	Nonresident
Big Game Hunting: Needed to hunt deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey. Nonresidents hunting bear or wild boar must also purchase the Bear/Wild Boar Hunting Privilege License.	\$10	\$60*
Big Game Hunting–Six-Day: Hunting of deer, bear, wild boar and wild turkey during the six-day period specified on the license. This license privilege is needed in addition to the basic state hunting license. Does not include the nonresident bear/wild boar hunting privilege.	N/A	\$40*
Bear/Wild Boar Hunting: Needed by nonresident license holders, in addition to the big game privilege, to hunt bear or wild boar.	N/A	\$125
<i>NOTE: For those nonresidents with a lifetime sportsman license:</i>		
• purchased prior to May 24, 1994, you do not have to purchase this additional privilege license to hunt bear or wild boar.		
• purchased between May 24, 1994 and May 18, 2001, you will have to purchase the Nonresident Bear/Wild Boar Hunting Privilege License if you are hunting bear. If hunting wild boar only, you do not need to purchase this privilege license.		
• purchased after May 18, 2001, you will have to purchase the Nonresident Bear/Wild Boar Hunting Privilege License if you are hunting bear or wild boar.		
Bonus Antlerless Deer: Allows the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per report card in counties or parts of counties with a maximum either-sex season or any municipality enrolled in the Urban Archery Season. Not valid for use on game lands. Refer to the Big Game section for more information.	\$10	\$10
Game Lands: Needed to hunt or trap on game lands. See the Game Lands section for other uses that require a game lands license.	\$15	\$15
Waterfowl Hunting: Needed to hunt waterfowl.	\$10	\$10
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).	FREE	FREE
Special Trout Fishing: Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.	\$10	\$10

***Reciprocal license fees apply to Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia residents. Refer to page 5 for a list of fees.**


OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Wildlife Resources Commission offers a wide range of special licenses and permits to serve the public. For information on the licenses or permits listed below or to obtain an application, you may visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, call us at (888) 248-6834 or write to NCWRC, 1707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1707.

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
<p>Bobcat/Otter Tags: Needed to sell or otherwise transfer ownership of bobcat or otter carcasses or pelts. All bobcat and otter carcasses or pelts shall be properly tagged within 10 days following the close of the applicable hunting or trapping season.</p>	\$2.20 ea.	\$2.20 ea.
<p>Controlled Hunting Preserve: Needed to hunt fox or pen-raised game birds on a licensed commercial hunting preserve. This license may be used without a basic hunting license. This license is not required if you possess a basic hunting, comprehensive hunting or sportsman's license.</p>	\$15	\$15
<p>Disabled Access Permit: Authorizes persons with limited physical mobility to operate vehicles, including ATVs, on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel, those trails posted for vehicular travel and only on OPEN-GATED or UNGATED roads, otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands listed in the Disabled Access Program and to have access to special disabled hunting blinds. It does not authorize operation of vehicles on closed roads on game lands not listed in the Disabled Access Program. One able-bodied companion may accompany the disabled person, provided that person possesses the "companion card" issued to the disabled hunter. The disabled hunter will also be issued a "vehicle access card." The permit is valid as long as the qualifying disability persists. For more information, refer to the "Disabled Sportsman" and "Disabled Access Program" sections on pages 11 and 64.</p>	FREE	FREE
<p>Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification: This is a medical certification used to establish eligibility for participation in disabled hunt opportunities. This certification is only necessary when the applicant does not possess a lifetime disabled veteran or totally disabled license. This certification is not a license; therefore, a valid hunting license, in addition to the hunt permit, is required when participating in a disabled hunt opportunity. For more information, refer to the "Disabled Sportsman" section on page 11.</p>	FREE	FREE
<p>Falconry: Needed to hunt by the use of any raptor. A basic or comprehensive hunting or sportsman's license is needed in addition to the falconry license. License expires June 30 of each year. Call (919) 707-0050 for an application.</p>	\$10	\$10
<p>Fox Tags: Needed to sell or otherwise transfer ownership of a fox carcass or pelt. All fox carcasses or pelts shall be properly tagged within 10 days following the close of the applicable hunting or trapping season.</p>	\$2.25 ea.	\$2.25 ea.
<p>Fur Dealer: Authorizes buying and selling furs anywhere in North Carolina. License expires June 30 each year.</p>	\$60	\$300
<p>Fur Dealer Station: Authorizes the license-holder and his or her employee(s) to buy or sell furs at an established location in North Carolina and under the supervision of the license-holder. License expires June 30 each year.</p>	\$120	N/A
<p>Hunting/Inland Fishing Guide: Needed to guide others for a fee. In cases where persons for hire are being transported by vessel; a vessel-for-hire license may be required by the U.S. Coast Guard.</p>	\$10	\$100
<p>Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License: May be purchased by the landholder of private property bordering inland or joint fishing waters, including Public Mountain Trout Waters. This license shall entitle the landholder, and guests of the landholder, to fish from the shore or any pier or dock originating from the property without any additional inland fishing license. May not be used for commercial purposes. A guest is defined as any individual invited by the landholder to fish from the property at no charge. A charge includes any fee, assessment, dues, rent, or other consideration which must be paid, whether directly or indirectly, in order to be allowed to fish from the property, regardless of the stated reason for such charge. License valid 12 months from date of issue.</p>	\$50	\$50
<p>Taxidermy: Authorizes persons to practice taxidermy involving wildlife for any compensation. License expires Dec. 31 each year.</p>	\$10	N/A

RESIDENT HUNTING, INLAND FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSE TYPES and Associated Privilege Licenses

Refer to License Type Section for a complete description of license types and privileges. Refer to page 15 for a list of Resident Coastal Fishing and Unified Sportsman/Coastal Fishing license types.

LICENSES		PRIVILEGES																												
 "X" indicates the privileges authorized for each license type.		Big Game		HUNTING														OTHER												
		Basic Hunting																												
		Deer	Bear	Boar	Turkey	Squirrel	Rabbit	Migratory Game Birds (9)	Quail	Grouse	Pheasant	Raccoon	Opossum	Bobcat	Crow					Beaver	Groundhog	Coyote	Controlled Shooting	Preserves	Waterfowl (3) (9)					
Game Lands (hunting)	Trapping	Game Lands (trapping) (8)	Basic Inland Fishing	Public Mtn. Trout Waters	Special Device Fishing	Nongame Fish	Bow & Arrow	Hunt/Inland Fish Guide																						
Price	Hunting & Inland Fishing																													
\$20	Annual Combo Hunt & Inland Fish (basic)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X	
\$40	Annual Sportsman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$200	Lifetime Sportsman (under age 1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$350	Lifetime Sportsman (ages 1-11)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$500	Lifetime Sportsman (ages 12 & older)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$15	Age 65 (or older) Sportsman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$10	Disabled Veteran (basic)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$10	Totally Disabled (basic)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	
\$100	Disabled Sportsman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X
Hunting																														
\$15	Annual State Hunting (basic)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	
\$10	Annual County Hunting (basic) (1)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	
\$30	Annual Comprehensive Hunting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
\$250	Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
Additional Hunting Privileges																														
\$10	Big Game (2)	X	X	X	X																									
\$15	Game Lands (2) (8)																								X	X				
\$10	N.C. Waterfowl (2) (3)																							X						
Free	HIP Certification (6) (7)							X															X							
Inland Fishing																														
\$5	10-Day Inland Fishing (basic)																									X		X		
\$15	Annual State Inland Fishing (basic)																									X		X		
\$10	Annual County Inland Fishing (basic) (1)																									X		X		
\$20	Annual Comprehensive Inland Fishing																									X	X	X		
\$250	Lifetime Comprehensive Inland Fishing																									X	X	X		
Additional Inland Fishing Privilege																														
\$10	Trout Fishing (4)																									X				
Trapping																														
\$25	Annual State Trapping (basic) (8)																								X					
\$10	Annual County Trapping (basic) (1)(8)																								X					
Other Licenses																														
\$10	Annual Hunt/Inland Fish Guide																											X		
\$15	Controlled Hunting Preserve (5)																	X												
\$10	Noncommercial Special Inland Fishing Device																										X			
\$100	Commercial Special Inland Fishing Device																										X			

Additional Information


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| (1) Valid for use only in the license holders' county of residence.
(2) Must also possess the appropriate basic hunting license.
(3) Must also possess a federal duck stamp.
(4) Must also possess a valid inland fishing license.
(5) This license may be used without a hunting license.
(6) Required to hunt federal migratory & waterfowl birds. | (7) Must also possess either a basic hunting, comprehensive hunting or sportsman's license.
(8) Trapping on game lands requires a Game Lands License and a Trapping License.
(9) Must have the HIP Certification. |
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= Lifetime Licenses

Please note: For the convenience of the reader, major regulation changes appear in RED.

**NONRESIDENT HUNTING, INLAND FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSE TYPES
and Associated Privilege Licenses**

Refer to License Type Section for a complete description of license types and privileges. Refer to page 15 for a list of Nonresident Coastal Fishing and Unified Sportsman/Coastal Fishing license types.

L I C E N S E S		P R I V I L E G E S																										
		Big Game	HUNTING															OTHER										
			Deer	Bear	Boar	Turkey	Squirrel	Rabbit	Migratory Game Birds (9)	Quail	Grouse	Pheasant	Raccoon	Opossum	Bobcat	Crow	Beaver	Groundhog	Coyote	Controlled Shooting Preserves	Waterfowl (3) (9)	Game Lands (hunting) Trapping	Game Lands (trapping) (8)	Basic Inland Fishing	Public Mtn. Trout Waters	Special Device Fishing	Nongame Fish Bow & Arrow	Hunt/Inland Fish Guide
 <p>“X” indicates the privileges authorized for each license type.</p>																												
Price	Hunting & Inland Fishing																											
\$200	Lifetime Sportsman (under age 1)	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
\$350	Lifetime Sportsman (ages 1-11)	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
\$1,000	Lifetime Sportsman (ages 12 & older)	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
Hunting																												
\$40	Six-Day State Hunting (basic) (10)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X
\$60	Annual State Hunting (basic) (10)				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X
Additional Hunting Privileges																												
\$40	Six-Day Big Game (2) (10)	X			X																							
\$60	Big Game (season) (2) (10)	X			X																							
\$125	Bear/Wild Boar (1)		X	X																								
\$15	Game Lands (2) (8)																				X		X					
\$10	N.C. Waterfowl (2) (3)																			X								
Free	HIP Certification (6) (7)						X													X								
Inland Fishing																												
\$10	10-Day Inland Fishing (basic)																								X		X	
\$30	Annual State Inland Fishing (basic)																								X		X	
Additional Inland Fishing Privilege																												
\$10	Trout Fishing (4)																								X			
Trapping																												
\$100	Annual State Trapping (basic) (8)																							X				
Other Licenses																												
\$100	Annual Hunt/Inland Fish Guide																										X	
\$15	Controlled Hunting Preserve (5)																		X									
\$50	Noncommercial Special Inland Fishing Device																									X		
\$200	Commercial Special Inland Fishing Device																									X		

Additional Information

- (1) Must also possess either a basic hunting or sportsman's license and a big game license.
- (2) Must also possess the appropriate basic hunting license.
- (3) Must also possess a federal duck stamp.
- (4) Must also possess a valid inland fishing license.
- (5) This license may be used without a hunting license.
- (6) Required to hunt federal migratory & waterfowl birds.
- (7) Must also possess either a basic hunting or sportsman's license.
- (8) Trapping on game lands requires a Game Lands License and a Trapping License.
- (9) Must have the HIP Certification.
- (10) Reciprocal license fees apply to Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia residents. Refer to page 5 for a list of fees.

= Lifetime Licenses

General Information The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission does not honor disabled licenses or permits from other states. Disabled licenses and permits must be obtained directly from the Wildlife Resources Commission. To obtain a disabled license or permit application, visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, call us at (888) 248-6834, or write to NCWRC, 1707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1707.

Disabled Sportsman Program Information The Wildlife Resources Commission has established increased access and opportunities for persons with disabilities to hunt on agency game lands and other lands. A brief description and the qualifications for each are provided below. To obtain an application, you may visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, call us at (888) 248-6834, or write to NCWRC, Disabled Sportsman Program, 1707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1707. For specific information on disabled hunt opportunities, refer to the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication.

The **Disabled Access Permit** authorizes persons with limited physical mobility to operate vehicles, including ATVs, on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel, those trails posted for vehicular travel and only on OPEN-GATED or UNGATED roads, otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands listed in the Disabled Access Program, and allows access to special disabled hunting blinds designated for hunters with disabilities. See page 64 for a list of game lands or designated areas within a game land in which this permit is valid. This permit does not allow operation of vehicles on closed roads on game lands unless the game land is listed in the Disabled Access Program. The disabled hunter will be issued a companion and vehicle access card. One able-bodied companion may accompany the disabled hunter, provided that person possesses the companion card.

This permit is valid as long as the qualifying disability persists. There is no fee associated with this permit. **Qualifications:** Competent medical evidence must be submitted indicating that a disability exists that limits physical mobility, to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance.

The **Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification** is a medical certification used to establish eligibility for participation in disabled hunt opportunities. This certification is only necessary when the applicant does not possess a lifetime disabled veteran or totally disabled license. This certification is not a license; therefore, a valid hunting license, in addition to the hunt permit, is required when participating in a disabled hunt opportunity. There is no fee for this certification. For a list of disabled hunt opportunities, refer to the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication. **Qualifications:** Medical certification in one of the following disabilities:

- missing fifty percent (50 percent) or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- paralysis of one or more limbs;
- dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the individual unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- disease, injury or impairment confining the individual to a wheelchair, walker or crutches;
- legal deafness.

This certification shall remain valid as long as the qualifying disability persists.

Within the national forests in North Carolina, off highway vehicles (OHVs) are permitted only on designated routes. Further information about areas managed by the U.S. Forest Service, including the Nantahala, Pisgah, Croatan and Uwharrie National Forests, may be obtained online <http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/>.

Lifetime Hunting and Inland Fishing Licenses Lifetime hunting and inland fishing licenses are a great deal for sportsmen. Purchasing a lifetime license saves you money over the years, may be charged to a VISA or MasterCard, and supports North Carolina's rich wildlife heritage. Funds from lifetime license sales are deposited directly into the Wildlife Endowment Fund, which supports wildlife conservation programs.

Several types of lifetime licenses are available as noted under the "License Information" section of this Digest, which begins on page 2. Lifetime sportsman and lifetime comprehensive hunting licenses include the state waterfowl privilege. Lifetime comprehensive hunting licenses and lifetime comprehensive inland fishing licenses are sold only to residents of North Carolina. Nonresidents may purchase the nonresident lifetime sportsman license. Lifetime licenses may also be personalized for an additional \$5 fee (some exclusions apply). There are no residency restrictions for the infant and youth lifetime licenses. You may also give a lifetime license as a gift. All of these licenses are good for the life of the license-holder. Even if you move out of North Carolina, you can use the license anytime you return to the state.

Lifetime licenses can be purchased at your local wildlife service agent, online at www.ncwildlife.org, by telephone (888) 248-6834 or by mail from the Wildlife Resources Commission. Please note that infant and youth lifetime licenses require a copy of the birth certificate; these two licenses cannot be purchased

online or by telephone. Disabled licenses must be purchased by mail or in person at WRC Headquarters. To obtain a lifetime license application visit our website at www.ncwildlife.org or call (888) 248-6834.

Tax Deductible Contributions to the Wildlife Endowment Fund Donations to the Wildlife Endowment Fund are deductible from your taxable income. Donations can be made directly to the fund or as a bequest from a will or as a memorial gift to honor a deceased friend or family member. The fund can also be named as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. When making a memorial donation, include the name and address of the donor or donors as well as the name of the person or persons who is/are being remembered by the donation. A card will be sent to the donor acknowledging the contribution.

For additional information, visit us online at www.ncwildlife.org, call (866) 945-3746, or write to NCWRC, Wildlife Endowment Fund, 1710 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1710.

General Information The Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) is required to recreationally take finfish in the state's coastal fishing waters, which include sounds, coastal rivers and tributaries and out to three miles in the ocean. Recreational anglers, who catch fish in the ocean greater than three miles offshore, are required to have a coastal recreational fishing license in order to bring fish back to shore in North Carolina. Finfish harvested is for personal consumption only and cannot be sold.

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL)

1. **Who must purchase a CRFL?** Individuals 16 years or older who want to recreationally finfish in any water designated as coastal or joint waters of North Carolina must purchase a CRFL. The exceptions are:
 - a. An individual who holds a resident/nonresident lifetime infant, youth, adult, over 70, disabled sportsman, lifetime comprehensive fishing license, hunting/fishing basic disabled veteran or hunting/fishing basic totally disabled license issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) before Jan. 1, 2006.
 - b. An individual who holds a lifetime legally blind or adult care home license, regardless of when it was issued.
2. **Where can I fish with a CRFL?** To fish recreationally in coastal waters managed by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), you will need a CRFL.
 - To fish in public, inland fishing waters, you need an inland fishing license, available from the WRC.
 - To fish in the joint waters managed by both DMF and WRC, you will need a CRFL or an inland fishing license.
 - The boundaries between coastal, inland and joint fishing waters are marked with signs posted adjacent to the affected waters.
3. **What types of individual CRFLs are available and what do they cost?** Several individual CRFLs are available to accommodate a variety of needs and situations. These include:
 - short-term licenses
 - annual licenses
 - lifetime licenses, valid for the lifetime of the holder
 - unified licenses, include hunting/statewide fishing privileges.
 A list of these licenses can be found on page 13.
4. **Where can I purchase my CRFL?**
 - a. Go to the WRC website, www.ncwildlife.org.
 - b. Visit a WRC wildlife service agent. Most are located in bait-and-tackle shops, hunting and sporting goods stores and larger chain stores across the state.
 - c. Call toll-free, (888) 248-6834. Hours of operation: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.
 - d. Visit one of six DMF offices located on the coast. For locations, go to the DMF website, www.ncfisheries.net.
5. **I live in a coastal county, but I have a private pond on my property that I have stocked. Do I need a CRFL to fish in my pond?** No, private ponds are exempt from any licensing requirements.
6. **Do I need a CRFL to fish in my county of residence?** Yes, the new legislation repeals the natural-bait exemption for fishing in public and inland waters.
 - Any person 16 and older fishing in North Carolina public waters (excluding private ponds) must have a fishing license.
 - People who receive Food Stamps, Medicaid or Work First Family Assistance may receive a subsistence waiver through their county Department of Social Services.
- This annual waiver allows the holder to fish recreationally with hook-and-line in inland waters (with the exception of Public Mountain Trout Waters), joint and coastal waters.
7. **What types of blanket CRFLs are available? Who is eligible to purchase one?** Two types of blanket CRFLs are available only through DMF offices:
 - a. For-Hire Blanket — a person who operates a “for-hire boat” (i.e., charter boat) may purchase a CRFL for each vessel that will allow all individuals on the for-hire boat who do not hold a CRFL to fish in coastal fishing waters that are not joint fishing waters. This license does not authorize individuals to fish recreationally in inland or joint fishing waters.
 - b. Ocean Fishing Pier Blanket — a person who operates or owns an ocean fishing pier and who charges a fee to allow a person to fish recreationally from the pier may purchase an Ocean Fishing Pier Blanket CRFL. This license allows all individuals who do not hold an individual CRFL to engage in recreational fishing in coastal waters while on the pier.
8. **Is there a CRFL boat license I can buy so my guests do not have to purchase a CRFL?** Yes, owners of vessels 23' or longer can purchase a Block of Ten 10-day CRFLs through DMF offices for \$150. Purchasing a block allows vessel owners to issue 10-day licenses to anglers aboard their vessels. Vessels must be registered in North Carolina or documented with the United States Coast Guard. Purchasers of this license are required to provide DMF the name, address and telephone number of all anglers issued a 10-day license.
9. **Do I need a CRFL to harvest crabs, mussels, clams, lobsters, shrimp and other shellfish?** No, the license is only required for the recreational harvest of finfish.
10. **Are anglers who use gigs and castnets to harvest finfish recreationally required to have this license?** Yes.
11. **Do I need a CRFL license to fish from a privately owned pier?** Yes.
12. **Can I sell my catch if I have a CRFL?** No. Seafood harvested under the license is for personal consumption and cannot be sold.
13. **Are there any rules or regulations for recreational finfishing?** Yes, individuals possessing this license must comply with the state's recreational size and possession limits, which can change frequently. To view the most up-to-date version of these limits, visit www.ncdmf.net/recreational/recguide.htm or call the DMF at (800) 682-2632 or (252) 726-7021 to receive a copy. A CRFL is required for ANY type of recreational finfish harvest not included under the Recreational Commercial Gear License. This includes fishing with hook-and-line, spears, gigs, bait-and-line, seines less than 30 feet, dip nets, landing nets and cast nets. The Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL) can be purchased from all DMF offices and WRC license agents throughout the state. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$250 for nonresidents. License agents charge an additional \$1 fee. For more information on RCGL, visit www.ncdmf.net/license/RCGL.htm.
14. **Are there any additional requirements of those who hold a CRFL?** Individuals possessing this license are required to comply with all DMF sampling and survey programs.
15. **Does a landowner need a CRFL if fishing from his/her pier or property?** Yes.

For more information, contact: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, www.ncwildlife.org, (919) 707-0391 or Division of Marine Fisheries, www.ncfisheries.net, local (252) 726-7021, toll-free (800) 682-2632.

COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

Following is a list of short-term, annual and lifetime coastal recreational fishing licenses valid in coastal and joint waters.

SHORT-TERM LICENSE *Short-term licenses are valid for the period specified on the license.*

- **Coastal Recreational Fishing 10-Day:** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters during the 10-day period specified on the license. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.

ANNUAL LICENSE *Annual licenses are valid for 12 months from the date of issuance.*

- **Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters during a license term. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.

LIFETIME LICENSE *Lifetime licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license holder.*

- **Adult Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 12 & older):** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.
- **Youth Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 1-11):** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.
- **Infant Coastal Recreational Fishing (under age 1):** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.
- **Age 65 (or older) Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.
- **Disabled Veteran Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled veterans as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.
- **Totally Disabled Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters for residents who are totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.

	Resident	Nonresident
	\$5	\$10
	\$15	\$30
	\$250	\$500
	\$150	\$150
	\$100	\$100
	\$15	N/A
	\$10	N/A
	\$10	N/A

UNIFIED HUNTING, INLAND AND COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

Following is a list of annual and lifetime unified hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing licenses valid in coastal and joint waters.

ANNUAL UNIFIED LICENSE *Annual licenses and privileges are valid for 12 months from date of purchase.*

- **Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing for residents during a license term. Includes the privileges of hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.

Additional Privilege License Available:

- **HIP Certification (federal requirement):** Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

- **Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License:** Statewide inland and coastal recreational fishing for residents during a license term. Includes the privileges of fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.

- **Unified Subsistence Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License Waiver:** Statewide basic inland and coastal recreational fishing for residents who receive Medicaid, Food Stamps, or Work First Family Assistance through the County Department of Social Services. Includes fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters and fishing in trout waters on game lands. License Waiver can be obtained through the County Department of Social Services upon request.

Additional Privilege License Available:

- **Special Trout Fishing:** Needed to fish in Public Mountain Trout Waters. Includes trout fishing on game lands.

UNIFIED LIFETIME LICENSE *Lifetime licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license holder. The privilege license and HIP Certification are valid for 12 months from date of purchase.*

Hunting and Fishing:

- **Unified Adult Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 12 & older):** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.

Additional Privilege License and Certification Available:

- **Bear/Wild Boar Hunting:** Needed by nonresidents, in addition to the lifetime sportsman license, to hunt bear or wild boar.

- **HIP Certification (federal requirement):** Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

- **Unified Youth Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 1-11):** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.

- **Unified Infant Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (under age 1):** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.

	Resident	Nonresident
	\$55	N/A
	FREE	N/A
	\$35	N/A
	FREE	N/A
	\$10	N/A
	\$675	\$1350
	N/A	\$125
	FREE	FREE
	\$450	\$450
	\$275	\$275

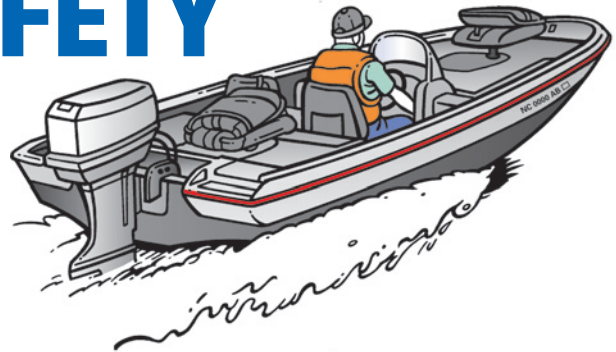
- Unified Age 65 (or older) Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters.
Additional Certification Available:
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).
- Unified Disabled Veteran Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing for residents who are 50 percent or more disabled veterans as determined by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.
Additional Certification Available:
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).
- Unified Totally Disabled Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing:** Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing for residents who are totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. Refer to page 11 for application instructions.
Additional Certification Available:
HIP Certification (federal requirement): Needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinule, snipe and woodcock).

	Resident	Nonresident
	\$30	N/A
	FREE	N/A
	\$110	N/A
	FREE	N/A
	\$110	N/A
	FREE	N/A
FISHING:		
	\$450	N/A
	FREE	N/A
	FREE	N/A

BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

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Anyone younger than 26 operating a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or greater motor on public waterways must have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course or otherwise be in compliance, as of May 1, 2010. All vessel operators must be able to prove compliance upon request of a law enforcement officer. For course information, visit www.ncwildlife.org or call (919) 707-0031.



UNIFIED HUNTING, INLAND AND COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE (CRFL) TYPES

and Associated Privilege Licenses

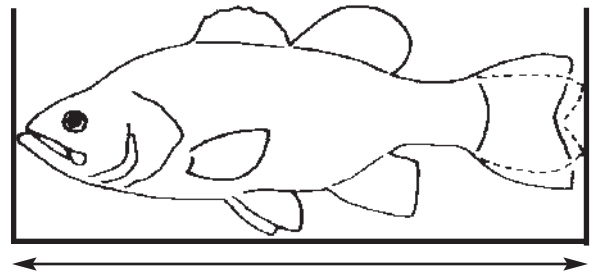
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		Big Game		HUNTING														OTHER									
				Basic Hunting																							
Deer	Bear	Boar	Turkey	Squirrel	Rabbit	Migratory Game Birds (5)	Quail	Grouse	Pheasant	Raccoon	Opossum	Bobcat	Crow	Beaver	Groundhog	Coyote	Controlled Shooting Preserves	Waterfowl (5) (6)	Game Lands (hunting)	Trapping	Game Lands (trapping) (7)	Basic Inland Fishing	Public Min. Trout Waters	Special Device Fishing	Nongame Fish	Bow & Arrow	Coastal Recreational Fishing
RESIDENT LICENSE TYPES																											
Price	Hunting, Inland & CRFL																										
\$55	Annual Unified Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$675	Lifetime Adult Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$450	Lifetime Youth Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$275	Lifetime Infant Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$30	Unified Age 65 & Older Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$110	Unified Disabled Vet Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$110	Unified Totally Disabled Sportsman/CRFL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Additional Hunting Privileges																											
Free	HIP Certification (1) (2)						X												X								
Fishing																											
\$5	10-Day – CRFL																										X
\$15	Annual CRFL																										X
\$35	Annual Unified Inland/CRFL																					X	X		X	X	
Free	Annual Subsistence Inland/CRFL Waiver																					X			X	X	
\$250	Lifetime Adult CRFL																										X
\$150	Lifetime Youth CRFL																										X
\$100	Lifetime Infant CRFL																										X
\$15	Age 65 & Older CRFL																										X
\$10	Disabled Vet CRFL																										X
\$10	Totally Disabled CRFL																										X
\$450	Lifetime Unified Inland/CRFL																					X	X		X	X	
Additional Inland Fishing Privilege																											
\$10	Trout Fishing (3)																							X			
NONRESIDENT LICENSE TYPES																											
Price	Hunting, Inland & CRFL																										
\$1,350	Lifetime Adult Sportsman/CRFL	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$450	Lifetime Youth Sportsman/CRFL	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$275	Lifetime Infant Sportsman/CRFL	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Additional Hunting Privileges																											
Free	HIP Certification (1) (2)						X												X								
\$125	Bear/Wild Boar (4)		X	X																							
Fishing																											
\$10	10-Day – CRFL																										X
\$30	Annual CRFL																										X
\$500	Lifetime Adult CRFL																										X
\$150	Lifetime Youth CRFL																										X
\$100	Lifetime Infant CRFL																										X

Additional Information

- (1) Required to hunt federal migratory & waterfowl birds.
 - (2) Must also possess either a basic hunting, comprehensive hunting or sportsman's license.
 - (3) Must also possess a valid inland fishing license.
 - (4) Must also possess either a basic hunting or sportsman's license and a big game license.
 - (5) Must also have the HIP Certification.
 - (6) Must also possess a federal duck stamp.
 - (7) Trapping on game lands requires a Game Lands License and a Trapping License.
- = Lifetime Licenses

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General Information *Inland, Joint and Coastal Fishing Waters.* Both the Wildlife Resources Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries have licensing, management and regulatory authority in certain waters along the coast of North Carolina. These waters are designated as inland, joint and coastal waters. The Wildlife Resources Commission has jurisdiction in inland waters, and the Division of Marine Fisheries has jurisdiction (except that pertaining to inland game fishes) in coastal waters. Both agencies have licensing and regulatory authority in joint waters.



The boundaries between inland, joint and coastal fishing waters are prominently marked with metal signs posted adjacent to the affected waters. Lists of these waters, with their boundaries indicated, are available from the Wildlife Resources Commission, 1721 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1721 (www.ncwildlife.org; see Fishing—Publications—Coastal, Joint and Inland Fishing Waters Designations in N.C.), or from the Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 (www.ncdmf.net; see Quick Links—Maps to Download).

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR JOINT FISHING WATERS

- It is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids less than 18 inches in length.
- It is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids between 22 and 27 inches in length in the joint waters of the Central-Southern Striped Bass Management Area.
- It is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids from May 1 through Sept. 30 in the joint waters of the Central-Southern and Albemarle Sound Striped Bass Management Areas.
- It is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids in the joint waters of the Cape Fear River.
- It is unlawful to possess more than one daily creel limit of striped bass or striped bass hybrids, in combination, per person per day, regardless of the number of management areas fished.
- It is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids that are not in agreement with size and creel limits of the waters being fished, regardless of other management areas that may have been fished that day.
- It is unlawful to net fish for striped bass or their hybrids in joint waters except as authorized by rules of the Marine Fisheries Commission.
- It is unlawful to use seines, gill nets or trawl nets in the Lake Mattamuskeet canals.
- It is unlawful to use any net, net stakes, or electrical fishing device within 800 feet downstream of the dam at Lock No. 1 on the Cape Fear River.
- It is unlawful to possess more than 10 American or hickory shad in aggregate, per person per day, taken by hook-and-line.

Otherwise, in joint fishing waters, commercial fishing and licensing—including commercial trotlines—are subject to the coastal fishing laws and regulations; inland game fish and hook-and-line licensing—exclusive of commercial trotlines—are subject to the inland fishing laws and regulations.

How to Measure Inland Game Fish The harvest of several game fishes is regulated by length limits. Fish length is determined by measuring along a straight line (in other words, not along the curvature of the body) the distance from the tip of the closed mouth to the tip of the compressed caudal (tail) fin.

INLAND GAME FISH

The following fishes are designated as inland game fish:

- Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted)
- Crappie (white and black)
- Sunfish
 - Bluegill
 - Redbreast sunfish (robin)
 - Redear sunfish (shellcracker)
 - Pumpkinseed
 - Warmouth
 - Green sunfish
 - Roanoke bass
 - Rock bass
 - Flier
 - All other species of the family *Centrarchidae*
- Mountain trout (including but not limited to brook, brown and rainbow trout)
- Kokanee salmon
- Walleye
- Sauger
- Pickerel, chain (jack) and redbfin
- Muskellunge
- White bass
- Bodie bass (striped bass x white bass)
- Striped bass, in inland waters
- Shad (American and hickory) in inland waters
- White perch, in inland waters
- Yellow perch, in inland waters
- Spotted sea trout, in inland waters
- Flounder, in inland waters
- Red drum (channel bass, red fish and puppy drum), in inland waters

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR INLAND GAME FISH

Purchase and Sale

- The purchase and sale of inland game fish are unlawful, except from and by licensed commercial trout ponds and fish propagators.

Manner of Taking

- Inland game fish may be taken only with a hook and line.
- Landing nets may be used to land fishes caught on a hook and line.
- It is unlawful to snag fish by pulling or jerking a device equipped with one or more hooks through the water for the purpose of impaling fish.
- American and hickory shad may be taken with bow nets from March 1 through April 30 in those counties and waters with open seasons for the use of bow nets (see “Seasons and Waters” pages 29–34) and are subject to daily creel limits (see page 20).
- In the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of the U.S. 258 bridge, only a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook may be used from April 1 to June 30. “Barbless” means that the hook either does not have a barb or that the barb is bent down.

Possession and Use of Game Fish

1. It is unlawful to take, in any one day, more than the daily creel limit of any inland game fish having a specified creel limit.
2. It is unlawful to possess more than the daily creel limit while fishing, boating or afield; or to possess at any place more than three days' creel limit.
3. It is unlawful to possess fish whose size, creel or season restrictions are not in compliance with the regulations on the waters being fished.
4. It is unlawful, while fishing, to change the appearance of fish subject to size limits or daily creel limits or remove the head and/or tail from fish that are regulated by a size limit so that they may not be measured and/or identified.
5. It is unlawful to destroy unnecessarily any inland game fish taken from public fishing waters.
6. Inland game fish may be used as bait if they are legally taken and are in agreement with the size and creel limits of the waters being fished and other regulations.

Seasons There are no closed seasons on inland game fishes with the following exceptions:

1. In Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, where the season for all fishes is closed and fishing is prohibited from March 1–April 1, 2011. This closed season for fishing does not apply to power supply lakes or municipal water supply lakes.
2. In undesignated waters where it is unlawful to possess trout caught during the closed season (March 1–April 1, 2011).
3. On the Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, where federal regulations apply.
4. On the MacKay Island National Wildlife Refuge, where federal regulations apply and specified waters are closed to access between Oct. 15 and March 15.
5. On the Roanoke River, where the striped bass season is closed from May 1–end of February from the Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at the Albemarle Sound, unless changed by proclamation of the Executive Director, Wildlife Resources Commission.

BASS IDENTIFICATION CHART	MORONE IDENTIFICATION CHART
<p>Longest spine over twice as long as shortest spine</p> <p>Deep notch between fins</p> <p>Upper jaw extends beyond eye</p> <p>No scales at base of fin</p> <p>Horizontal band</p> <p>No scales at base of fin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Largemouth Bass <i>Found statewide</i></p>	<p>Stripes often faint</p> <p>One patch of teeth on tongue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White Bass</p>
<p>Longest spine less than twice the length of shortest spine</p> <p>Shallow notch between fins</p> <p>Upper jaw extends to back of eye</p> <p>Scales at base of fin</p> <p>One patch of teeth on tongue</p> <p>Horizontal streaks</p> <p>Scales at base of fin</p> <p>Horizontal band</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spotted Bass <i>Found in the mountains, foothills and Little River in Harnett County</i></p>	<p>Stripes distinct and usually continuous</p> <p>Two patches of teeth on tongue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Striped Bass</p>
<p>Longest spine less than twice the length of shortest spine</p> <p>Shallow notch between fins</p> <p>Upper jaw doesn't extend beyond back of eye</p> <p>Scales at base of fin</p> <p>Vertical bars</p> <p>Scales at base of fin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Smallmouth Bass <i>Found in the mountains and foothills</i></p>	<p>Stripes distinct and usually broken</p> <p>Two patches of teeth on tongue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bodie Bass (striped bass hybrid)</p>

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6. In the Central-Southern Striped Bass Management Area where it is unlawful to possess striped bass or striped bass hybrids from May 1 – Sept. 30.
7. In Cape Fear River and tributaries below Buckhorn Dam where possession of striped bass and Bodie (hybrid) striped bass is prohibited.
8. In Sutton Lake, where possession of largemouth bass is prohibited from Dec. 1 – March 31.
9. Fishing is prohibited from Feb. 15 – April 15 in the Linville River from the mouth, as marked at Lake James, upstream to the N.C. 126 bridge.

TROT LINES, SET-HOOKS AND JUG-HOOKS

- Trotlines, set-hooks and jug-hooks may be fished under any license that authorizes basic fishing privileges.
- It is unlawful to use live bait with trotlines, set-hooks or jug-hooks.
- Trotlines (a line with multiple hooks) must be set parallel to the nearest shore in all public waters, where their use is authorized.
- Each trotline, set-hook and jug-hook shall have attached the name and address of the user legibly inscribed.
- Each trotline shall be conspicuously marked at each end, and each set-hook shall be conspicuously marked at one end with a prominent flag or floating object.

REGULATIONS FOR WARMWATER GAME FISH

State waters are classified as: inland, joint and coastal (see "General Information" on page 16). These state waters are collectively referred to as public fishing waters. Certain fishes, including largemouth bass, crappie and mountain trout are designated inland

game fish and under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife Resources Commission in all public waters; whereas, some species, including striped bass, white and yellow perch, flounder and red drum, are designated as inland game fish only in inland waters (see list on page 16).

LOCATION	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT*
Black bass (including largemouth, smallmouth and spotted) - Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam - Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam - Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam - Lake Raleigh (Wake Co.) - Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake Dam - Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam - Cape Fear River - Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam - Lumber River, including Drowning Creek - All other public waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir (Nash Co.) - South Yadkin River downstream of Cooleemee Dam - Yadkin-Pee Dee River from Idols Dam to the South Carolina state line, including High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Reservoir, Badin Lake, Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties), Lake Tillery and Blewett Falls Lake. - Randleman Reservoir (Randolph and Guilford counties) - Lake Luke Marion (Moore Co.) - Reedy Creek Park lakes (Mecklenburg Co.) - Lake Rim (Cumberland Co.)	14-inch minimum	5 in combination
- Lake Norman	Largemouth and spotted bass: 14-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 14 inches	5 in combination
- Sutton Lake (New Hanover Co.)	14-inch minimum Dec. 1–March 31: No bass may be possessed.	5 in combination Dec. 1–March 31: No bass may be possessed.
- Buckhorn Reservoir (Wilson and Nash counties) - Cane Creek Lake (Union Co.)	16-inch minimum	5 in combination
- Lake Thom-A-Lex (Davidson Co.)	18-inch minimum	5 in combination
- Shearon Harris Reservoir	14-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 14 inches and no fish between 16-20 inches may be possessed	5 in combination, including only 2 less than 14 inches
- Lake Phelps	14-inch minimum and no fish between 16-20 inches may be possessed	5 in combination
- New River (Alleghany Co. portion downstream of Fields Dam in Grayson Co., Va.)	No minimum size for smallmouth bass, and no smallmouth between 14-20 inches may be possessed.	5 in combination, including only 1 smallmouth bass greater than 20 inches
- Public Mountain Trout Waters and waters in and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties	12-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 12 inches	5 in combination, including only 2 less than 12 inches
- City- or county-owned lakes under Wildlife Resources Commission management	As posted	As posted
- B. Everett Jordan Reservoir - Falls of Neuse Reservoir - All other public fishing waters	Largemouth: 14-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 14 inches Smallmouth & spotted bass: 12-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 12 inches	5 in combination, including only 2 largemouth less than 14 inches and 2 smallmouth or spotted bass less than 12 inches

*Please note: "In combination" means the total number for all species combined.

- Metal cans and glass containers cannot be used as markers.
- The number of jug-hooks that may be fished is limited to 70 per boat.
- Trotlines, throwlines, set-hooks and jug-hooks must be fished daily, and all fish must be removed daily.
- Untended trotlines, set-hooks and jug-hooks, as evidenced by the absence of bait, may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement officers.
- Blue crabs may be taken recreationally with a single line with multiple baits without hooks (see restrictions under “Taking Nongame Fish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks for Bait or Personal Consumption” on pages 28 –29).

Exceptions

- No trotlines or set-hooks may be used in the impounded waters of Sandhills Game Land, in Public Mountain Trout Waters, or in Cheoah Lake.
- In Lake Waccamaw, it is unlawful to use trotlines or set-hooks from May 1–Sept. 30.

STATE FISH HATCHERIES

- It is unlawful to fish at any time in the waters or on the property of any state fish hatchery, including Bones Creek from the Lake Rim Dam to the U.S. 401 Bypass (Raeford Road), except McKinney Lake Reservoir at McKinney Lake State Fish Hatchery.

LOCATION	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Striped bass and Bodie bass (Inland impoundments and tributaries)		
- John H. Kerr Reservoir - Dan River in Caswell Co., N.C., downstream of Danville, Va.	<u>Oct. 1–May 31:</u> 26-inch minimum. <u>June 1–Sept. 30:</u> No minimum size limit	<u>Oct. 1–May 31:</u> 2 in combination <u>June 1–Sept. 30:</u> 4 in combination
- Cape Fear River upstream of Buckhorn Dam and the Deep and Haw rivers to the first impoundment - B. Everett Jordan Reservoir	20-inch minimum	4 in combination
- Lake Gaston - Roanoke Rapids Reservoir	<u>Oct. 1–May 31:</u> 20-inch minimum <u>June 1–Sept. 30:</u> No minimum size limit	4 in combination
- Lake Norman	<u>Oct. 1–May 31:</u> 16-inch minimum. <u>June 1–Sept. 30:</u> no minimum size limit	4 in combination
- Other impounded inland waters and their tributaries	16-inch minimum, except that 2 may be less than 16 inches	8 in combination, including only 2 fish less than 16 inches
Striped bass and Bodie bass (Coastal rivers and impoundments)		
Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area (including Roanoke, Cashie, Middle and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries) - Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to mouth of the river at Albemarle Sound	Season - March 1–April 30 (unless closed by proclamation): 18-inch minimum, no fish between 22-27 inches	Season - March 1–April 30 (unless closed by proclamation): 2 in combination including only 1 greater than 27 inches
Albemarle Sound Striped Bass Management Area (including Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Currituck Sound, Chowan, Yeopim, Perquimans, Little, Pasquotank, North, Alligator and Scuppernong rivers and their tributaries)	Established by Division of Marine Fisheries	Established by Division of Marine Fisheries
Central-Southern Striped Bass Management Area , inland and joint waters including: - Tar-Pamlico River and tributaries from Rocky Mount Mill Dam downstream to N & S Railroad Bridge at Washington - Neuse River and tributaries from Milburnie Dam downstream to Southern Railroad Bridge at New Bern - Pungo River - All other unlisted inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries, except Cape Fear River and tributaries	Season - Oct. 1–April 30 18-inch minimum and no fish between 22-27 inches	Season- Oct. 1–April 30 2 in combination
Central-Southern Striped Bass Management Area , coastal waters including: - Tar-Pamlico River downstream of the N & S Railroad Bridge at Washington including Pamlico Sound and tributaries designated as coastal waters - Neuse River downstream of Southern Railroad Bridge at New Bern, including Pamlico Sound and tributaries designated as coastal waters - All other unlisted coastal waters	Established by Division of Marine Fisheries	Established by Division of Marine Fisheries
Central-Southern Striped Bass Management Area , inland, joint and coastal waters of: - Cape Fear River and tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam - Pee Dee River and tributaries downstream of Blewett Falls Dam - Lake Mattamuskeet	No striped bass may be possessed 18-inch minimum	No striped bass may be possessed 3 in combination

LOCATION	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sunfish (except species listed below) In the following waters and their tributaries: - Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam - Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam - Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam - Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake Dam - Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam - Cape Fear River - Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam - Lumber River, including Drowning Creek - All other public waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir (Nash Co.)	No minimum size limit	30 in combination, including no more than 12 redbreast sunfish
- All other public fishing waters	None	None
Crappie (black and white) In the following waters and their tributaries: - Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam - Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam - Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake Dam - Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam - Cape Fear River - Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam - Lumber River, including Drowning Creek - All other public waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir (Nash Co.) and Sutton Lake (New Hanover Co.) - South Yadkin River downstream of Cooleemee Dam - Yadkin-Pee Dee River from Idols Dam to the South Carolina state line, including High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Reservoir, Badin Lake, Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties) Lake Tillery, and Blewett Falls Lake - Lake Norman, Lake Hyco, Lake Ramseur, and Cane Creek Lake - All public waters west of Interstate 77	8-inch minimum	20 in combination
- B. Everett Jordan Reservoir - Roanoke River (downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam), Cashie, Middle and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries	10-inch minimum	20 in combination
- Buckhorn Reservoir (Wilson and Nash counties)	None	20 in combination
- All other public fishing waters	None	None
Rock bass and Roanoke bass - All public waters east of Interstate 77	8-inch minimum	2 in combination
- All other public fishing waters	None	None
White bass - All public fishing waters	None	25
American and Hickory shad - Roanoke River upstream of U.S. 258 bridge near Scotland Neck to Roanoke Rapids dam	None	10 in combination, including no more than 1 American shad
- Lake Gaston - Roanoke Rapids Reservoir - John H. Kerr Reservoir	No American shad may be possessed	No American shad may be possessed
- All other public fishing waters	None	10 in combination
Spotted sea trout - Inland waters	12-inch minimum	10
Flounder - Inland waters	14-inch minimum	8
Red drum - Inland waters	18-inch minimum and 27-inch maximum	1
Walleye - Lake James and tributaries	15-inch minimum	8
- Linville River upstream from N.C. 126 bridge	None	4
- All other public fishing waters	None	8
Muskellunge - All public fishing waters	42-inch minimum	1
Sauger - All public fishing waters	15-inch minimum	8
Kokanee salmon - All public fishing waters	None	7
All other warmwater game fishes - All public fishing waters	None	None

REGULATIONS FOR MOUNTAIN TROUT

LOCATION/SEASON	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	LURES/BAIT RESTRICTIONS*
HATCHERY-SUPPORTED TROUT WATERS			
Aug. 1, 2010 – Feb. 28, 2011 7 a.m. April 2, 2011 – July 31, 2011 -All hatchery-supported waters not listed below	None	7	None
March 1, 2011 – April 1, 2011 **No fishing allowed -All hatchery-supported waters not listed below	**	None	**
No closed season -Linville River and tributaries within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area -Power supply lakes and municipal water supply lakes	None	7	None
WILD TROUT WATERS			
No closed season	7 inches	4	Artificial lures with a single hook.
WILD TROUT NATURAL BAIT WATERS			
No closed season	7 inches	4	Artificial lures or natural bait with a single hook. No live fish allowed as bait.
DELAYED-HARVEST TROUT WATERS			
Oct. 1, 2010 – June 3, 2011 **No trout may be possessed **No fishing allowed from ½ hour after sunset on June 3, 2011, to 6 a.m. on June 4, 2011	**	**	Artificial lures with a single hook. Natural bait may not be possessed. **
Aug. 1, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2010 June 4, 2011 – July 31, 2011 (Note: youth only fishing from 6 a.m. until noon on June 4, 2011)	None	7	None
CATCH-AND-RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY TROUT WATERS			
No closed season **No trout may be possessed	**	None	Artificial lures with a single hook. Natural bait may not be possessed.
CATCH-AND-RELEASE ARTIFICIAL FLIES ONLY TROUT WATERS			
No closed season **No trout may be possessed	**	None	Artificial flies with a single hook. Natural bait may not be possessed.
SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT WATERS			
No closed season -Catawba River from Muddy Creek to Morganton water intake dam	Only one fish may be greater than 14 inches long	7	None
UNDESIGNATED TROUT WATERS			
Aug. 1, 2010 – Feb. 28, 2011 7 a.m. April 2, 2011 – July 31, 2011	None	7	None
March 1, 2011 – April 1, 2011 **Fishing allowed, but no trout may be possessed, except in waters listed below	**	None	None
No closed season -Power supply lakes and municipal water supply lakes	None	7	None

*See page 22 for a definition of artificial lures and natural bait

REGULATIONS FOR MOUNTAIN TROUT

Brook, brown and rainbow trout require cold, clean water and are therefore generally restricted to mountain streams and lakes. Those mountain waters that support trout and are open to public fishing are designated as “Public Mountain Trout Waters” by the Wildlife Resources Commission and are managed for public trout fishing. A significant amount of trout fishing opportunities in western North Carolina are located on private property. These landowners have generously allowed for public access for fishing. Please respect their property. Your cooperation is needed to protect fishing opportunities for future generations. The Commission conspicuously marks Public Mountain Trout Waters with regulation signs that indicate locations for public access. When

anglers encounter “posted against trespass” signs along these designated sections on private lands, they should respect the property owner’s rights and choose another location along that stream to fish. Maps of trout water and their classifications may be viewed at www.ncwildlife.org under the link for *regulations – fishing – mountain trout*.

Public Mountain Trout Waters Public Mountain Trout Waters are classified for management purposes as either “Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters” or “Wild Trout Waters.” Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters must be stocked periodically with trout to sustain angling. Wild Trout Waters are high-quality waters that sustain trout populations by natural reproduction. Some Public Mountain Trout Waters are specially regulated to

meet specific management objectives. These are further classified as follows:

- “Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only”
- “Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only”
- “Wild Trout/Natural Bait”
- “Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters”
- or “Special Regulation Trout Waters”
- Some of these public trout waters are also classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters and are identified on page 26.

Fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters

- Fishing is limited to hook and line only.
- An **artificial lure** is defined as a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated with any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- **Natural bait** is defined as any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- It is unlawful to take fish bait or bait fish from Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- It is unlawful to possess natural bait while fishing Wild Trout and Catch-and-Release waters, unless those waters are also specifically classified for use of natural bait.
- Dropper flies may be used when fishing any Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- It is unlawful to fish with more than one line per person, except on power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs.
- There is no closed season for fishing on power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs designated as trout waters.
- Non-trout species may be harvested from Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters during the catch-and-release only trout season under applicable size and creel limits.
- It is unlawful to place hatchery-reared fish into a Wild Trout Water or move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization.
- Information and regulations about trout fishing on game lands are listed on page 27.

Trout Fishing in Undesignated Waters Some waters that are not designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters (as identified above) contain mountain trout. When fishing in these undesignated waters, the trout fishing regulations are the same as for Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, except that the trout fishing license is not required to fish undesignated waters, and there is no closed season for fishing. However, trout may not be possessed or retained in the creel when fishing undesignated waters during the closed season for Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters.

Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters There are approximately 1,100 miles of Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters in North Carolina. In hatchery-supported waters there is no size limit or bait restriction, and the creel limit is seven trout per day. Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters are marked with green-and-white signs that are posted conspicuously along the watercourses. The following waters are classified as Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters (**streams that are underlined are stocked with catchable-size trout at frequent intervals during the months of March through August**):

Alleghany County

- Little River (Whitehead to McCann Dam)
- Brush Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
- Big Pine Creek
- Glade Creek
- Bledsoe Creek
- Piney Fork

- Meadow Fork
- Pine Swamp Creek
- Prathers Creek
- Cranberry Creek

Ashe County

- North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
- Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to confluence with North Fork New River)
- Buffalo Creek (headwaters to junction of N.C. 194-88 and S.R. 1131)
- Big Laurel Creek
- Three Top Creek (except game land portion)
- Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
- Nathans Creek
- Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
- Roan Creek
- Beaver Creek
- Pine Swamp Creek (all forks)
- Old Fields Creek
- Mill Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Avery County

- North Toe River (headwaters to Mitchell Co. line) (except where posted against trespassing)
- Squirrel Creek
- Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state line)
- Wildcat Lake**
- Boyde Coffey Lake
- Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing)
- Milltimber Creek

Buncombe County

- Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)
- Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
- Stony Creek
- Corner Rock Creek
- Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
- Swannanoa River (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)
- Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
- Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
- Lake Powhatan

Burke County

- Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)
- Carroll Creek (game lands above S.R. 1405)
- Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, (LGWA), including tributaries, and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek) (Note there is no closed season within LGWA.)

Caldwell County

- Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted against trespassing)
- Boone Fork Pond
- Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to SR 1515)**
- Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joe’s Creek to McCloud Branch)
- Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)

Cherokee County

- Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy. (S.R. 1325) bridge to Tennessee line)
- Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
- Valley River (headwaters to U.S. 19 business bridge in Murphy)
- Hyatt Creek
- Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)

Clay County

- Fires Creek (**foot bridge in the U.S. Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300**)
- Tusquitee Creek (headwaters to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
- Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)

Graham County

- Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
- Yellow Creek
- Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to mouth, including portions of tributaries on game lands, excluding Johns Branch and Little Santeetlah Creek)
- West Buffalo Creek
- Mountain Creek (game lands boundary to S.R. 1138 bridge)
- Big Snowbird Creek (old railroad junction to S.R. 1127 bridge including portions of tributaries on game lands)
- Long Creek (portion not on game lands)
- Tulula Creek (headwaters to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
- Cheoah Reservoir
- Stecoah Creek
- Panther Creek

Haywood County

- Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
- Cold Springs Creek
- Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against trespass)
- West Fork Pigeon River (**Tom Creek** to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands, except Middle Prong)
- Richland Creek (Russ Avenue (U.S. 276) bridge to U.S. 23-74 bridge)

Henderson County

- (Rocky) Broad River (**Rocky River Lane** to Rutherford Co. line)
- Green River—upper (mouth of Joe Creek to mouth of Bobs Creek)
- Green River—lower (Lake Summit Dam to I-26 bridge)
- (Big) Hungry River
- Little Hungry River
- Cane Creek (S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
- Clear Creek (S.R. 1591 bridge at Jack Mountain Lane to S.R. 1582)

Jackson County

- Tuckasegee River—upper (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to N.C. 107 bridge at Love Field)
- Tuckasegee River—lower (Dillsboro Dam to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
- Scott Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
- Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
- Savannah Creek (headwaters to Bradley's packing house on N.C. 116)
- Green's Creek (Green's Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1730 to Savannah Creek)
- Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
- Balsam Lake
- Bear Creek Lake
- Wolf Creek Lake
- Tanasee Creek Lake

Macon County

- Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Whiteoak Creek and Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain County line)

- Queens Creek Lake
- Burningtown Creek
- Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672, excluding the game land portions of Buck Creek and Turtle Pond Creek)
- Ellijay Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
- Cliffside Lake
- Cartoogechaye Creek (**downstream** U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)

Madison County

- Shut-in Creek
- Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to **U.S. Forest Service Road 223**)
- Little Creek
- Meadow Fork Creek (except Little Creek)
- Roaring Fork
- Max Patch Pond
- Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Road] bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)
- Spillcorn Creek (entire stream, excluding tributaries)
- Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)
- Mill Creek (headwaters to confluence with Big Creek)
- Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
- Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)
- Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)

McDowell County

- Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
- Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
- North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
- Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler lower line downstream to Greenlee upper line)
- Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)

Mitchell County

- Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
- Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against trespassing)
- Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
- Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
- East Fork Grassy Creek
- North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)

Polk County

- North Pacolet River (**Joels Creek** to N.C. 108 bridge)
- Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)

Rutherford County

- (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)

Stokes County

- Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)

Surry County

- Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to 0.3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to Interstate 77 bridge)
- Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
- Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)

Swain County

- Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
- Cheoah Reservoir
- Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
- Connelly Creek
- Alarka Creek (game lands boundary to mouth)
- Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)

Transylvania County

- French Broad River (junction of west and north forks to U.S. 276 bridge)
- Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower U.S. Forest Service boundary line)
- Middle Fork French Broad River
- West Fork French Broad River (S.R. 1312 and S.R. 1309 intersection to junction of west and north forks)

Watauga County

- North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)
- Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
- Meat Camp Creek
- Norris Fork Creek
- Howard Creek (downstream from lower falls)
- Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola dam to South Fork New River)
- Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes Co. line)
- Elk Creek (headwaters to gravel pit on S.R. 1508, except where posted against trespassing)
- Beech Creek
- Buckeye Creek Reservoir
- Coffee Lake
- Laurel Creek
- Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1233 bridge at Amantha)
- Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
- Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)

Wilkes County

- East Prong Roaring River (lower state park boundary to Brewer's Mill on S.R. 1943)
- Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1736)
- Pike Creek Pond
- Bell Branch Pond
- Boundary Line Pond
- Pike Creek
- Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
- Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong)(headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
- South Fork Reddies River (headwaters to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)
- North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R. 1559)
- Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)
- South Prong Lewis Fork (headwaters to Lewis Fork Baptist Church)
- Fall Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Yancey County

- Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)
- Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
- Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)
- South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. recreation park, except where posted against trespassing)

Wild Trout Waters

In all Wild Trout Waters, the minimum length limit is seven inches and the creel limit is four trout per day. Only artificial lures with one single hook may be used. All Public Mountain Trout Waters located on game lands are Wild Trout Waters unless classified and posted otherwise. The following streams are also classified as Wild Trout Waters and are marked with blue-and-gold signs, which are posted conspicuously along the watercourses:

Alleghany County

- Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- Stone Mountain Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Avery County

- Birchfield Creek
- Cow Camp Creek
- Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)
- Gragg Prong
- Horse Creek
- Jones Creek
- Kentucky Creek
- North Harper Creek
- Plumtree Creek
- Roaring Creek
- Rockhouse Creek
- South Harper Creek
- Webb Prong

Burke County

All waters located on South Mountains State Park except the main stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinnycreek and the lower park boundary and Henry Fork and its tributaries. Nettle Branch (game land portion)

Caldwell County

- Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game lands)
- Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
- Rockhouse Creek

Graham County

- Little Buffalo Creek
- South Fork Squally Creek
- Squally Creek

Henderson County

- Green River (I-26 bridge to Henderson/Polk Co. line)

Jackson County

- Gage Creek
- North Fork Scott Creek
- Tanasee Creek
- Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake)

Mitchell County

- Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
- Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespassing)
- Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

Polk County

Green River (Henderson/Polk Co. line to Fishtop Falls Access Area)

Transylvania County

All waters located on Gorges State Park

Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)

Watauga County

Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)

Howards Creek (headwaters to lower falls)

Watauga River (Avery Co. line to steel bridge at Riverside Farm Road)

Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)

Wilkes County

Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Yancey County

Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road to N.C. 197 bridge)

Licksillet Creek

Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

OTHER REGULATED TROUT WATERS

Certain Public Mountain Trout Waters are managed under very restrictive regulations to meet specific management objectives. These waters are marked with signs that are posted conspicuously along the watercourses.

Catch-and-Release/Artificial Lures Only Waters

The following trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures having one single hook. No trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with purple-and-gold signs.

Ashe County

Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)

Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (game land portion)

Avery County

Wilson Creek (game land portion)

Buncombe County

Carter Creek (game land portion)

Burke County

Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

Jackson County

Tuckasegee River (above the Clark property)

Flat Creek

McDowell County

Newberry Creek (game land portion)

Watauga County

Dugger Creek (portions on Reynolds Blue Ridge development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at their security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)

Laurel Creek (portions on Reynolds Blue Ridge development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at their security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)

Wilkes County

Dugger Creek (portions on Reynolds Blue Ridge development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at their security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)

Harris Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Catch-and-Release/Artificial Flies Only Waters

The following trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial flies having one single hook. No trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with red-and-gold signs.

Avery County

Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)

Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)

Transylvania County

Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)

Yancey County

South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek, including tributaries)

Upper Creek (headwaters to South Toe River, including tributaries)

Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters

The following trout waters, excluding tributaries except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures with one single hook. No natural bait may be possessed, and no trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these waters between Oct. 1, 2010 and 30 minutes after sunset on June 3, 2011. These waters are closed to fishing between 30 minutes after sunset on June 3 and 6 a.m. on June 4. At 6 a.m. on June 4, 2011, these waters open to fishing for youths under 16 years old under Hatchery-Supported regulations—no bait restriction, no minimum length limit and seven-trout-per-day creel limit. At 12 p.m. on June 4, 2011, these waters open for all anglers under Hatchery-Supported regulations. These waters are marked with black-and-white signs.

Ashe County

Trout Lake

Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)

Burke County

Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)

Caldwell County

Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch)

Haywood County

West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)

Henderson County

North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)

Jackson County

Tuckasegee River (N.C. 107 bridge at Love Field to the Dillsboro dam)

Macon County

Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)

Madison County

Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)

Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)

McDowell County

Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch)

Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)

Mitchell County

Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to N.C. 80 bridge)
North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)

Polk County

Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)

Surry County

Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam)

Transylvania County

East Fork French Broad River (Gladly Fork to French Broad River)
Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)

Watauga County

Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)

Wilkes County

East Prong Roaring River (mouth of Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park boundary line)
Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin River)

Wild Trout: Natural Bait Waters The following trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished with artificial lures or natural bait, except live fish. Lures and natural baits are restricted to one single hook. The minimum length limit is seven inches, and the daily creel limit is four trout. These streams are marked with brown-and-gold signs.

Cherokee County

Bald Creek (game land portions)
Dockery Creek (game land portions)
North Shoal Creek (game land portions)

Graham County

Deep Creek
Long Creek (game land portion)
Franks Creek

Haywood County

Hemphill Creek
Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)

Jackson County

Buff Creek (uppermost crossing on S.R. 1457 to Scott Creek)
Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)
Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
Shoal Creek (Glenville Reservoir pipeline to mouth)
West Fork Tuckasegee River (Shoal Creek to existing water level of Little Glenville Lake)

Macon County

Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
Kimsey Creek
Overflow Creek (game land portion)
Park Creek
Tellico Creek (game land portion)
Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)

Madison County

Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)

Transylvania County

North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of S.R. 1326)
Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against trespassing)

Special Regulation Trout Waters The following portions of Public Mountain Trout Waters, excluding tributaries except as noted, are subject to the following special regulations. These streams are marked with white-and-red signs.

Burke County

Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam). The creel limit is seven trout per day; only one of which may be greater than 14 inches. No bait restrictions. No closed season.

Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Some Public Mountain Trout Waters running through or adjacent to certain cities or towns may be further classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Any license that provides trout fishing privileges may be used to fish on Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Resident and nonresident anglers may instead purchase a three-day Mountain Heritage Trout Waters license valid only on Heritage Trout Waters. This license is \$5 for both residents and nonresidents and can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling (888) 248-6834, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. The following waters are classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters and listed by county, Mountain Heritage Trout City name and regulation type. The boundaries for Mountain Heritage Trout Waters are marked with signs posted conspicuously along the watercourses.

Avery County

Newland: North Toe River (Watauga St. bridge to Roby Shomaker Wetlands and Family Recreation Park) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Haywood County

Maggie Valley: Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to S.R. 1389 bridge) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]
Waynesville: Richland Creek (Russ Avenue bridge to U.S. 23-74 bridge) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

McDowell County

Old Fort: Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to the I-40 bridge) [Delayed-Harvest regulations apply]

Mitchell County

Bakersville: Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to Baker Lane bridge) [Delayed-Harvest regulations apply]
Spruce Pine: North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge) [Delayed-Harvest regulations apply]

Yancey County

Burnsville: South Toe River (property boundaries of the Yancey County Toe River Campground) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Fishing on Game Lands

- A game lands license is not required to fish in any waters on game lands.
- All game lands are open to public fishing with the following exceptions:
 - Re-stocked ponds when posted against fishing.
 - Grogan Creek in Transylvania County, which serves as a fish hatchery and water supply.
 - Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County.
 - Private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by property owners.

- In all game lands ponds, forked-tail catfish may be taken only by hook and line, and the daily creel limit is six catfish for all species combined.
- The use of special fishing devices, including crab pots, is prohibited in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands. Exception: Nongame fish may be taken year-round with bow and arrow (except crossbows) from waterfowl impoundments located entirely on game lands other than the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land and Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Blue crabs may be taken recreationally from designated waterfowl impoundments on game lands with hand-held lines with single baits and a collapsible crab trap with a maximum opening of 18 inches. The limit is 50 crabs per person, per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point).

Trout Fishing on Game Lands

- Fishing hours in any trout waters located on game lands are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, except in the sections of Green River in Polk County located on Green River Game Land from the mouth of Cove Creek downstream to the natural gas pipeline crossing, where night fishing is allowed. All waters on the game lands listed below are Public Mountain Trout Waters and are classified as Wild Trout Waters, except as noted:
- Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe Co.
- Nantahala National Forest Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties, except Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir and Cherokee Lake.
- Pisgah National Forest Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania and Yancey counties, except Grogan Creek, North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from the U.S. 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Mill Ridge Pond, Nolichucky River, and Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line.
- Dupont State Forest Game Land in Henderson and Transylvania counties, except Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, and Fawn Lake.
- Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes Co.
- Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania Co.
- South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.
- Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood Co., except West Fork Pigeon River below Lake Logan.

- Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties, excluding Green River downstream of the natural pipeline crossing and Spring Creek below U.S. Forest Service Road 223.

Blue Ridge Parkway Angling opportunities on the Blue Ridge Parkway are managed by the National Park Service which establishes fishing regulations for parkway waters. The Wildlife Resources Commission aides with management by stocking catchable-size trout into the following waters:

County	Water
Alleghany	Brush Creek
Alleghany	Big Pine Creek
Alleghany	Meadow Fork
Avery	Linville River
Buncombe	Swannanoa River
Watauga	Middle Fork of the New River
Watauga	Price Lake

Specific fishing regulations are displayed on signs located near fishing access points, and all persons age 16 or older must possess a valid North Carolina or Virginia fishing license to fish parkway waters. In addition, the parkway provides wild and catch-and-release trout fishing, as well as, angling for bass and sunfish.

For more information on fishing in parkway waters, contact: Blue Ridge Parkway, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Telephone: (828) 271-4779, Ext. 200, or at their website: <http://www.nps.gov/blri/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>.

DuPont State Forest Night fishing is prohibited from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise in all waters on the DuPont State Forest Game Land.

North Carolina State Parks South Mountains State Park in Burke County, Stone Mountain State Park in Wilkes and Alleghany counties and Gorges State Park in Transylvania County offer many miles of trout fishing waters. As established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for other trout streams, a valid trout license and a valid North Carolina inland fishing license are requirements in state park inland streams. A game lands license is not required. A special catch-and-release stream is located in Stone Mountain State Park with additional regulations. The possession of any type of firearms, explosives, bows and arrows, or alcoholic beverages within state parks is unlawful. Park entrance gates are opened and closed daily according to the following schedule:

November – February.....	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
March, April, September, October	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
May – August	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day	

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the following park offices:

- South Mountains State Park** (828) 433-4772
- Stone Mountain State Park** (336) 957-8185
- Gorges State Park** (828) 966-9099

NONGAME FISH

Any fish not classified as a game fish is considered a nongame fish when found in inland fishing waters and includes shellfish and crustaceans.

Sale of Nongame Fish

- Nongame fish caught on hook and line, grabbling and by special fishing devices may be sold, subject to the following restrictions:
 1. Bowfin may not be sold.
 2. Blueback herring and alewife taken by any method in inland waters may not be sold, except for those fish less than six inches in length that are taken from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties).
 3. Eels less than six inches in length may not be possessed or sold.
 4. In Lake Norman and Badin Lake the daily possession limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches in length is one.
 5. Blue crabs taken from inland fishing waters with a line containing multiple baits may not be sold.
 6. Those listed under “Miscellaneous Prohibitions” on page 34.
 7. A special fishing device license is required when taking nongame fish with special fishing devices and also subject to restrictions listed under “Special Fishing Devices,” on page 29, “Seasons and Waters” on pages 29–34, and “Fishing on Game Lands” on pages 26–27.
- The sale of commercially raised nongame fish is regulated by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Manner of Taking Nongame Fish

- Nongame fish may be taken by hook and line or by grabbling; no fish may be taken by snagging. Special devices may be used to take nongame fish with proper licenses (see “Special Fishing Devices,” page 29) in those counties and waters with open seasons (see “Seasons and Waters” pages 29–34).
- Nongame fish may be taken year-round with bow and arrow in waterfowl impoundments located entirely on game lands and in all inland fishing waters other than the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land and Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Nongame fishes may be taken with bow and arrow under any license that authorizes basic hunting or inland fishing privileges subject to “Miscellaneous Prohibitions” (see page 34).
- It is unlawful to fish with a crossbow, except for disabled persons possessing a valid crossbow permit. For more information or to obtain an application, call (888) 248-6834.
- For special rules governing trotlines, see “Trotlines, Set-hooks and Jug-hooks” (pages 18–19).
- Crab pots may not be used in inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands, except that persons owning property adjacent to the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries may set two crab pots attached to their property and a special device license is not required.
- **Blue crabs may be taken recreationally with a single line with multiple baits without hooks (see restrictions under “Taking Nongame Fish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks for Bait or Personal Consumption” below).**

Hook-and-Line Regulations for Nongame Fish

- * Season: Year-round
- * Minimum size limit: None
- * Daily creel limit: None

The following exceptions apply:

- The daily creel limit on channel, white and blue catfish (forked-tail catfish) is six fish in the following waters:

Oka T. Hester Pond	CG Hill Memorial Park Pond
Lake Luke Marion	Winston Pond*
Shelley Lake	San-Lee Park Ponds
Freedom Park Pond*	Lake Toisnot
Lake Rim*	Bur-Mill Park Ponds
Cedarock Pond	Kernersville Lake
Indian Lake	Apex Community Lake
Frank Liske Park Pond	McAlpine Lake
Kinston Neuseway Park Pond	Big Elkin Creek
River Park North Pond	Lake Tomahawk
Simpkins Pond	Ellerbe Community Lake
Lake Michael	Park Road Pond
Harris Lake County Park Ponds	Etheridge Pond*
Newbold Pond*	Anderson Community Park Pond
Hornet’s Nest Pond	Hagan Stone Park Ponds
Hamlet City Lake	Bond Park Lake
Reedy Creek Park Ponds	Salisbury Community Lake
Bass Lake (Wake Co.)	Lake Julian
Squirrel Park Pond	Rabbit Shuffle Pond
Indian Camp Pond	Albemarle City Lake
High Rock Pond	Lake Devin
Laughter Pond	Hinson Lake
Tumblin Rock Reservoir	
All game lands ponds	

**Use of gasoline engines to power boats is prohibited.*

- In Lake Norman and Badin Lake the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches in length is one.
- There is no open season for sturgeon. Any sturgeon caught must be immediately released.
- The minimum size limit for American eel is six inches, and the possession limit is 50 fish.
- Blue crabs taken by hook and line from inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point). The daily limit is 50 crabs per person or 100 per vessel per day.
- No person may take or possess herring (alewife and blueback) greater than six inches in length from inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries up to the first impoundment of the main course on the river (listed below), the Lumber River including Drowning Creek, and in all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
 - Roanoke River – Roanoke Rapids Dam
 - Tar River – Rocky Mount Mill Dam
 - Neuse River – Milburnie Dam
 - Cape Fear River – Buckhorn Dam
 - Waccamaw River – Lake Waccamaw Dam
 - Pee-Dee River – Blewett Falls Dam
- Grass carp may not be possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman, Mountain Island Reservoir, and Lake Wylie, except that one fish per day may be taken by bow and arrow.
- **Grass carp may not be possessed on Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir except for scientific study by permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission (S.L. 2009-261).**
- In Public Mountain Trout Waters, the season shall be the same as the trout-fishing season.
- Information and regulations about fishing on game lands are listed on pages 26–27.

Taking Nongame Fish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks for Bait or Personal Consumption

- Nongame fishes, crustaceans (crayfish and blue crabs), and mollusks taken for bait or personal consumption may not be sold.

- Nongame fishes, crustaceans, and mollusks may be taken for bait or personal consumption only with the equipment listed below, and an appropriate inland fishing license is required. (See regulations for taking and sale of nongame fish on pages 28–29 and other nongame regulations on page 38 for more information).

1. A dip net not greater than six feet across.
2. A seine not greater than 12 feet in length with a bar mesh measure of not more than 1/4 inch.

Exception: In Lake Waccamaw any length seine may be used to collect bait fishes.

3. A cast net.
 4. Minnow traps under immediate control and attendance of the operator and not exceeding 12 inches in diameter, with funnel openings not exceeding one inch in diameter.
 5. Hand-held lines with single baits attached to each.
 6. A single, multiple bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length that is under the immediate control and attendance of the user and is limited to one line per person and no more than one line per vessel. The line is required to be marked on each end with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter and bearing legible and indelible identification of the user's name and address.
 7. A collapsible crab trap with the largest opening not greater than 18 inches and which, by design, collapses at all times when in the water, except when being retrieved or lowered to the bottom.
- The daily creel limit is 200 nongame fish, crayfish, and mollusks, in combination, subject to the following restrictions:
 1. No more than 50 eels, none of which may be less than six inches in length
 2. No herring (alewife and blueback) greater than six inches in length may be taken or possessed from inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries up to the first impoundment dam on the main course of the rivers (listed above), the Lumber River including Drowning Creek, and all other public waters east of Interstate 95.
 3. No more than 50 crabs per person, per day or 100 per vessel, per day with a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) from inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands.
 4. In Lake Norman and Badin Lake the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches in length is one.
 - Any fish taken for bait purposes are included in the daily possession limit for that species (where such a limit is specified).
 - Nongame fish may not be taken for bait from Bear Creek and Rocky River, Chatham County; Fork Creek, Randolph County; Deep River below Coleridge Dam, Randolph County; and those portions of Deep River in Moore, Chatham and Lee counties.
 - Game fish incidentally taken with nets or traps, while capturing bait, must not be harmed and must be released immediately.

Taking Freshwater Mussels

- Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may only be taken from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake (Orange County).
- The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), is 200.

Special Fishing Devices

- Special fishing devices, which may be licensed for the taking of nongame fishes, include the following: bow and arrow (except crossbows), seines, cast nets, gill nets, dip nets, bow nets, reels, gigs, spear guns, baskets, fish pots, eel pots, traps (excluding

crab traps and automobile tires), and hand-crank electrofishers where authorized by local law.

- **Special fishing devices may only be used in waters having designated seasons.** See list (by county) under “Seasons and Waters” on pages 29–34.
- A noncommercial special device license is valid when no more than three special devices, regardless of type, are used.
- A commercial special device license is required when four or more special devices, regardless of type, are used.
- Hand-crank electrofishers are any manually operated device capable of generating a low-voltage electrical current, not to exceed 300 volts, for the taking of catfish.

Term and Use of Special Device Licenses

- The license is valid during a license year (12 months from date of purchase).
- Each user of a special device must have his own license in possession, except that a bow net or dip net may be used by another person who has the owner's license in his possession.
- Only the principal owner or operator must be licensed when drag seines are used at inland beaches to take mullet.
- Nongame fishes may be taken with bow and arrow under any license that authorizes basic hunting or fishing privileges.

Netting Restrictions

- Stationary nets must not exceed 100 yards in length and must be spaced at least 50 yards apart.
- “Attendance” requires that a fisherman be within 100 yards of his net at all times.
- Stationary nets must run parallel to the nearest shoreline.
- Anchored, fixed or drift gill nets must be marked at each end with two separate yellow buoys, which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material no less than five inches in their smallest dimension. Buoys on each of the nets shall be marked (by engraving buoys or attaching engraved metal or plastic tags) with one of the following: owner's N.C. vessel registration number, owner's U.S. vessel documentation name or owner's last name and initials.
- No wires or ropes associated with a special fishing device may extend across any navigable watercourse.

Fish-Trap Restrictions

- A fish trap may be no more than 60 inches in length and no more than 30 inches in depth or width.
- No lead nets, wing nets or other devices may be attached to the trap nor used within 25 feet of the trap.
- Such devices, when set and left unattended, shall be affixed with a card or tag furnished by the license-holder and upon which his name and address shall be legibly inscribed.
- Each pot must be marked by attaching a floating buoy, which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material and no less than five inches in diameter and no less than five inches in length. Buoys may be of any color except yellow. The owner shall always be identified on the attached buoy by using engraved buoys or by engraved metal or plastic tags attached to the buoy. Such identification shall include one of the following: owner's N.C. vessel registration number, owner's U.S. vessel documentation name, or owner's last name and initials.

Exception: An angler with a valid inland fishing license may use up to two eel pots to take eels for bait without a special fishing device license.

Seasons and Waters

- There is no open season for sturgeon. Any sturgeon caught must be immediately released.
- No river herring greater than six inches in length may be taken or possessed from inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and

- their tributaries, up to the first impoundment of the main course of the river (listed on page 28), the Lumber River, including Drowning Creek, and all other public waters east of Interstate 95.
- No special fishing devices, including crab pots, may be used in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands.
Exception: Nongame fish may be taken year-round with bow and arrow from waterfowl impoundments located entirely on game lands and in all inland fishing waters other than the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land, Public Mountain Trout Waters, or waters subject to “Miscellaneous Prohibitions” (see page 34).
 - Seasons and waters, in which use of special devices other than bow and arrow is authorized, are indicated by the following counties:
- Alamance:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Alamance Creek below N.C. 49 bridge and Haw River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- Alexander:** July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lake Hickory and Lookout Shoals Reservoir.
- Alleghany:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in New River, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Anson:** July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam. July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls Dam downstream to the Seaboard Coastline Railroad trestle.
- Ash:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in New River (both forks), except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Beaufort:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in the Pungo River and in the Tar-Pamlico River above Norfolk and Southern Railroad bridge; and with gigs in all inland public waters. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters.
- Bertie:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Broad Creek (tributary of Roanoke River). March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Bladen:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Black River; July 1 – March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers in Cape Fear River between Locks and Dams 1 and 3 and Black River (local law), except that hand-crank electrofishing is prohibited within 800 feet downstream and 400 yards upstream of Lock and Dam 1; 400 yards downstream and upstream of Lock and Dam 2; and 400 yards downstream of Lock and Dam 3.
- Brunswick:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Alligator Creek, Hoods Creek, Indian Creek, Orton Creek below Orton Pond, Rices Creek, Sturgeon Creek and Town Creek.
- Buncombe:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Burke:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Johns River and Public Mountain Trout Waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters and Lake James. Fishing by use of an unattended float is prohibited on Lake James (local law).
- Cabarrus:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters.
- Caldwell:** July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Camden:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in all inland public waters. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Carteret:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except South River and the tributaries of the White Oak River.
- Caswell:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters. July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Moons Creek. July 1 – June 30 with traps in Hyco Reservoir.
- Catawba:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Catawba River below Lookout Dam. July 1 – June 30 with traps, spear guns and gigs in all public waters.
- Chatham:** Dec. 1 – April 15 with dip and gill nets in the Cape Fear River, Haw River, Deep River and Rocky River (local law). July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in the Cape Fear River and Haw River. July 1 – June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters.
- Cherokee:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Chowan:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Clay:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Cleveland:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters.
- Columbus:** Dec. 1 – March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters, except Lake Waccamaw and its tributaries. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Livingston Creek. July 1 – March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers in Waccamaw and Lumber rivers (local law).
- Craven:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in the main run of the Trent and Neuse rivers. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Pitch Kettle, Grindle, Slocum (downstream from the U.S. 70 bridge), Spring and Hancock creeks and their tributaries; and with seines in the Neuse River.
- Currituck:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Tulls Creek and Northwest River. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Dare:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Mashoes Creek, Milltail Creek, East Lake and South Lake. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Davidson:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters; and with traps in all public waters except Leonard’s Creek, Abbott’s Creek below Lake Thom-A-Lex Dam and the Abbott’s Creek arm of High Rock Lake upstream from the N.C. 8 bridge.
- Davie:** July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters. July 1 – Aug. 31 for taking only carp and suckers with seines in Dutchman’s Creek from U.S. 601 to Yadkin River and in Hunting Creek from S.R. 1338 to South Yadkin River.
- Duplin:** Dec. 1 – June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge. March 1-April 30 with bow nets in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge.
- Durham:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Neuse River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- Edgecombe:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all public waters.
- Forsyth:** July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir.
- Franklin:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Tar River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Parrish, Laurel Mill, Jackson, Clifton, Moore’s and Perry’s ponds, and in the Franklinton city ponds.

- Gaston:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters.
- Gates:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Graham:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters. Special devices are not permitted on Santeetlah Lake, Fontana Lake, Cheoah Reservoir and Calderwood Reservoir (local law).
- Granville:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Kerr Reservoir. July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in the Neuse River and the Tar River below U.S. 158 bridge. July 1 – June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir.
- Greene:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets and reels in Contentnea Creek.
- Guilford:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Haw River, Deep River below Jamestown Dam and Reedy Fork Creek below U.S. 29 bridge. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- Halifax:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Beech Swamp, Clarks Canal, Conoconnara Swamp, Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam, Kehukee Swamp, Looking Glass Gut, Quankey Creek and White's Mill Pond Run. April 1 – June 15 in Fishing Creek on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, shad and herring (not to exceed 6 inches in length) may be taken with skim or gill nets having a bar mesh of not less than 1.5 inch (local law).
- Harnett:** Jan. 1 – May 31 with gigs in Cape Fear River and tributaries. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Cape Fear River.
- Haywood:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Lake Junaluska and Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Henderson:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Hertford:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Wiccacon Creek. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Hyde:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in all inland waters. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Iredell:** July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lookout Shoals Reservoir and Lake Norman.
- Jackson:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Johnston:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Black Creek, Little River, Middle Creek, Mill Creek, Neuse River and Swift Creek.
- Jones:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in the Trent River below U.S. 17 bridge and White Oak River below U.S. 17 bridge. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except the tributaries to White Oak River.
- Lee:** Dec. 1 – April 15 with dip and gill nets in Cape Fear River and Deep River (local law). July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Cape Fear River. July 1 – June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters.
- Lenoir:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Neuse River below U.S. 70 bridge at Kinston. March 1-April 30 with bow nets in Neuse River and Contentnea Creek upstream from N.C. 118 bridge at Grifton; and with seines in Neuse River.
- Lincoln:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters.
- McDowell:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters and Lake James. Fishing by use of an unattended float is prohibited on Lake James (local law).
- Macon:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Madison:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Martin:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Mecklenburg:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Freedom Park Pond and Hornet's Nest pond.
- Montgomery:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except in Pee Dee River between Tillery Dam and Rocky River. July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters.
- Moore:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Deep River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land; and with traps in Deep River and its tributaries.
- Nash:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Tar River. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in the Tar River below Harris' Landing and Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam.
- New Hanover:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Sutton (Catfish) Lake.
- Northampton:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Gaston and Roanoke Rapids reservoirs and the Roanoke River above the U.S. 301 bridge. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Occoneechee Creek, Old River Landing Gut and Vaughns Creek below Watsons Mill.
- Onslow:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in White Oak River below U.S. 17 bridge. Aug. 1 – March 31 with eel pots in the main run of New River between U.S. 17 bridge and the mouth of Hawkins Creek. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in the main run of New River and White Oak River, and in Grant's Creek.
- Orange:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Haw River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- Pamlico:** March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Dawson Creek.
- Pasquotank:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in all inland waters, except Dawson Creek. March 1-April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Pender:** Dec. 1 – June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in the Northeast Cape Fear River, Long Creek, Moore's Creek approximately one mile upstream to New Moon Fishing Camp and Black River. July 1 – March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers in Black River (local law).
- Perquimans:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in all inland waters. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.
- Person:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Hyco Creek and Mayo Creek. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- Pitt:** July 1 – June 30 with traps in Neuse River and in Tar River below the mouth of Hardee Creek east of Greenville. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Grindle Creek, and Contentnea Creek between N.C. 118 bridge at Grifton and the Neuse River. March 1 – April 30 with seines in Tar River.
- Polk:** July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Randolph:** July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Deep River above the Coleridge Dam and in Uwharrie River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters.

Richmond: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls Dam downstream to the Seaboard Coastline Railroad trestle. July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls

Robeson: Dec. 1 – March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters.

Rockingham: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Dan River and Haw River. July 1 – June 30 with traps in Dan River; and with gigs in all public waters.

Rowan: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters.

Rutherford: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters. July 1 – June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.

Sampson: March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Big Coharrie Creek, Black River and Six Runs Creek. July 1 – March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers in Black River downstream of N.C. 1105 bridge (local law).

Stanly: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River between Tillery Dam and Rocky River. July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters.

Stokes: July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters; and traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir.

Surry: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters; and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River.

Swain: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters. Special devices are not permitted on Santeetlah Lake, Fontana Lake, Cheoah Reservoir and Calderwood Reservoir (local law).

Transylvania: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.

Tyrrell: July 1 – June 30 with traps in Scuppernong River and Alligator Creek. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.

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FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

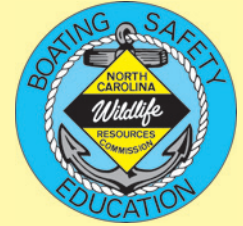
Elevated levels of some pollutants may be found in certain fish caught by the public or sold commercially in the United States. For more information, see www.epi.state.nc.us and click on “Fish Consumption Advisories.” The following table lists the current fish consumption advisories for North Carolina inland fishing waters:

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Advisory</i>	<i>Pollutant</i>
STATEWIDE	Women of childbearing age, pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under age 15: no more than 2 meals per week of fish LOW in mercury <u>and</u> no consumption of fish HIGH in mercury. All other people: no more than 4 meals per week of fish LOW in mercury <u>and</u> only 1 meal per week of fish HIGH in mercury. (The names of fishes containing high and low levels of mercury are available from N.C. Dept. Health and Human Services at (800) 662-7030 or www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/fish/safefish.html)	<u>Mercury</u>
Albemarle Sound from Bull Bay to Harvey Point west to the mouths of the Roanoke and Chowan rivers (Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell counties)	Carp and catfish. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children. No more than one meal per month for others.	<u>Dioxins</u>
Roanoke River from U.S. Hwy. 17 bridge near Williamston to the mouth of Albemarle Sound (Martin, Bertie and Washington counties)	Carp and catfish. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children. No more than one meal per month for others.	<u>Dioxins</u>
Welch Creek (Martin, Beaufort and Washington counties)	Carp and catfish. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children. No more than one meal per month for others.	<u>Dioxins</u>
Brier Creek Reservoir (Wake County), Brier Creek –downstream of Brier Creek Reservoir, and Little Brier Creek and tributaries downstream of Brier Creek Parkway	All fish. No consumption.	<u>PCBs</u>
Lake Crabtree (Wake County)	Carp and catfish. No consumption. No more than one meal per month for all other fish.	<u>PCBs</u>
Crabtree Creek (Wake County) above and below Lake Crabtree to Neuse River	Carp, catfish and largemouth bass. No more than one meal per month.	<u>PCBs</u>
Neuse River (Wake County) downstream of Crabtree Creek to Auburn-Knightdale Road	Carp and catfish. No more than one meal per month.	<u>PCBs</u>
Walnut Creek (Wake County) and Rocky Branch tributary just upstream of confluence with Neuse River	Carp and catfish. No more than one meal per month and no more than one meal per week for all other fish.	<u>PCBs</u>
Santeetlah Lake and Fontana Lake (Graham and Swain counties)	Walleye. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children under 15. No more than one meal per week for all other people.	<u>Mercury</u>
Badin Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties)	Catfish and largemouth bass. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children under 15. No more than one meal per week for all other people.	<u>PCBs</u>
Lake Gaston (Warren, Halifax, and Northampton counties)	Walleye and largemouth bass. No consumption by women of childbearing age or children under 15. No more than one to two meals per month for all other people.	<u>Mercury</u>

Recreational Boating In North Carolina

Boating Safety Education Requirements

As of May 1, 2010 anyone younger than 26 years old operating a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or greater on public waterways must have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course or otherwise be in compliance. All vessel operators must be able to prove compliance upon request of a law enforcement officer.



Vessel Registration and Titling Requirements

- All motorized vessels, including sailboats longer than 14' and personal watercraft, must be registered.
- Vessels registered in another state and brought into North Carolina for more than 90 consecutive days, must be registered in North Carolina.
- A vessel title is required for all new or transfer registrations for vessels or sailboats longer than 14' and personal watercraft.

Blue Light = No Wake

All watercraft must slow to a no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of a law enforcement vessel displaying a flashing blue light, or within 50 feet in narrow channels. Violators are subject to fines up to \$250.

Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis)

- Boating Safety Education Law requirements apply to personal watercraft.
- No one under 16 years old can operate a personal watercraft on public waters. Two exceptions:
 - At least 14 years old but younger than 16 if successfully completed an approved boating safety education course (proof of age and course completion must be carried by the youth at time of operation);
 - At least 14 and riding with someone at least 18 who is in compliance with Boating Safety Education Law.
- No one younger than 14 may operate a personal watercraft under any circumstance.

Kids MUST Wear Life Vests

State law requires children younger than 13 to wear an appropriate personal flotation device (life vest) whenever they are on a recreational vessel that is underway. When choosing a life vest for a child, always check for a U.S. Coast Guard-approved label. The life vest must be a proper fit, with youth sizes corresponding to weight ranges.

Boat Safe, Boat Sober

Operating a recreational vessel while under the influence of an impairing substance or with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher is illegal. Penalties can include fines up to \$1,000 and jail. Operators and passengers who drink should use caution. Wind and waves, combined with heat, glare, motor noise and vibrations can create a condition known as boater fatigue, in which the effects of alcohol can be magnified up to three times.

File a Float Plan

Document essential information or fill out a form about your excursion and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the U.S. Coast Guard or another rescue organization, should you not return as scheduled. (Do not file float plan with the USCG.)

Report Boating Accidents

Boating accidents that occur on public waters must be reported to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (24-hour toll free at (800) 662-7137) when any one of the following occur:

- Loss of life, an injury requiring medical treatment or a person is unconscious or left disabled for 24 hours
- Actual physical damage to property (including vessels) is in excess of \$2,000
- A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.

Visit www.ncwildlife.org or (919) 707-0031 for more information.

Union: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in all running public waters.

July 1 – June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters.

Vance: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in the Tar River. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Rolands, Faulkners, Southerlands and Weldon ponds, City Lake, and Kerr Reservoir. July 1 – June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir.

Wake: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Sunset, Benson, Wheeler, Raleigh and Johnson lakes.

March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in the Neuse River below Milburnie Dam, and Swift Creek below Lake Benson Dam.

Warren: July 1 – Aug. 31 with seines in Fishing Creek, Shocco Creek and Walker Creek, excluding Duck and Hammes Mill ponds. July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Duck and Hammes Mill ponds, Kerr Reservoir and Gaston Reservoir.

July 1 – June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir.

Washington: March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters.

Wayne: March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Little River, Mill Creek and Neuse River.

Wilkes: July 1 – June 30 with traps in Yadkin River below W. Kerr Scott Reservoir; and with gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except Public Mountain Trout Waters.

Wilson: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in Contentnea Creek (except Buckhorn Reservoir), including unnamed tributaries between Flowers Mill and S.R. 1163 (Deans) bridge. March 1 – April 30 with bow nets in Contentnea Creek below U.S. 301 bridge and in Toisnot Swamp downstream from the Lake Toisnot Dam.

Yadkin: July 1 – June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River.

MISCELLANEOUS PROHIBITIONS

Possession of Certain Fishes

- It is unlawful to transport, purchase, possess or sell any live individuals of piranha, “walking catfish” (*Clarias batrachus*), snakehead fish (from the Family *Channidae*, formerly *Ophiocephalidae*), white amur or “grass carp” (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) (see exception below), black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*), swamp eel (*Monopterus albus*), red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*), rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*), round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*), tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*), ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*), Japanese mystery snail (*Cipangopaludina japonica*), Chinese mystery snail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata*), red-rim melania (*Melanoides tuberculatus*), virile crayfish (*Orconectes (Gremicambarus) virilis*), or rusty crayfish (*Orconectes (Procericambarus) rusticus*), or zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) or to stock any of them in the public or private waters of North Carolina.
- Certified triploid grass carp may be bought, possessed and stocked with a permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- It is unlawful to take or possess any state or federally designated endangered, threatened, or species of special concern, including sturgeon from the inland waters of North Carolina.
- It is unlawful to possess eels less than six inches in length.
- It is unlawful to possess, transport or release live alewife or blueback herring in the Little Tennessee River and the Catawba River, upstream of Lake Rhodhiss dam, and their tributaries and impoundments.

- It is unlawful to stock fish into public fishing waters without a permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- Grass carp may not be possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman, Mountain Island Reservoir, and Lake Wylie, except that one fish per day may be taken by bow and arrow.
- **Grass carp may not be possessed on Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir except for scientific study by permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission (S.L. 2009-261).**

FISHING ACCESS AREA REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to:

- Use any public fishing area for purposes other than fishing, except where facilities are provided and approved uses are posted. All other uses—including swimming, sunbathing on piers or decks, possessing loaded firearms, launching or mooring jet skis or boats, skiing, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly associated with fishing—are prohibited.
- Use gasoline motors on Lake Rim in Cumberland County, and on Newbold and Etheridge ponds in Edgecombe County.

BOATING ACCESS AREA REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to:

- Leave any vehicle, trailer, boat or other obstruction where it will impede the use of the ramp by others.
- Park any vehicles, trailer or boat anywhere on the area when the parking zone is fully occupied. This does not prohibit legal use of the ramp.
- Use the area for swimming, camping, operating concessions or for any use other than the launching and recovery of boats and parking of vehicles and boat trailers, except where facilities for a particular use are provided.
- Operate any vessel within 50 yards of the ramp at a speed greater than “No Wake” speed.
- Possess loaded firearms on the access area.
- Operate a vehicle on any boat access area in a manner so as to endanger life or property.
- Deposit any debris or refuse anywhere on the grounds of the area.
- Fail to obey any instruction or signs regulating use of the access area.
- Conduct a fishing tournament weigh-in without first obtaining a letter of authorization from the Division of Engineering Services by calling (919) 707-0150. This permit must be available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers during the tournament.
- Park in a handicapped space without displaying a handicapped plate or sign.

HYDROELECTRIC STATION SAFETY ZONES

- A 100-foot safety zone extends both upstream and downstream of the following hydroelectric stations. Only fishing and boating are authorized within the safety zone, subject to the following restrictions:
 - All boaters within the safety zone are required to wear approved U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation devices.
 - Any anglers within the safety zone that enter the water are required to wear an approved U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation device.
 - No vessel may anchor within this zone or tie off to any part of the hydroelectric station structure.

Catawba River:

- Bridgewater Hydroelectric Station (Paddy Creek, Linville and Catawba dams)
- Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Station
- Lookout Hydroelectric Station
- Mountain Island Hydroelectric Station
- Oxford Hydroelectric Station
- Rhodhiss Hydroelectric Station

Green River:

- Tuxedo Hydroelectric Station

Yadkin River:

- Narrows Hydroelectric Station
- High Rock Hydroelectric Station

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Rd.
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
Telephone: (865) 436-1200
- U.S. Forest Service Wilderness Areas
National Forests in North Carolina
160 Zillicoa St., Asheville, NC 28801
Telephone: (828) 257-4200
- Division of Marine Fisheries
P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557
Telephone: (800) 682-2632
- MacKay Island National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 39 Knotts Island, NC 27950
Telephone: (252) 429-3100

GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION

For fishing information relating to land administered by other agencies, contact the appropriate agency:

- Blue Ridge Parkway (see page 27)
199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803
Telephone: (828) 298-0398
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Fish and Game Management
P.O. Box 302, Cherokee, NC 28719
Telephone: (800) 438-1601
- Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge
38 Mattamuskeet Rd., Swanquarter, NC 27885
Telephone: (252) 926-4021

APPLYING FOR A FRESHWATER FISHING RECORD

The Wildlife Resources Commission maintains records for popular freshwater sport fishes caught by rod and reel or cane pole in state waters. State record fish must be weighed on scales certified by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and verified by a Wildlife Resources Commission fisheries biologist (or biologist designated by the Commission). For an application form and other requirements, visit www.ncwildlife.org and follow the link for *Fishing Programs* under the *Fishing* topic, or call the Division of Inland Fisheries at (919) 707-0220.

HUNTERS AND ANGLERS

Thank you for helping conserve our valuable wildlife resources.

- NCWRC's Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs are administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and funded by excise taxes collected when sportsmen and women purchase firearms, archery equipment, ammunition, fishing tackle, boats, and outboard motors.
- These user-pay, user-benefit programs were established more than 60 years ago by outdoor sports persons and product manufacturers to provide a stable funding source for wildlife conservation.
- North Carolina receives around \$20 million each year for fish and wildlife restoration projects, hunter education, and the boating access area program.

North Carolina Wildlife Restoration projects include:

- Restoring white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and river otter.
- Managing wildlife populations statewide and habitat on 2 million acres of state game lands.
- Developing the Statewide Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan.
- Training more than 18,000 students annually in hunter education.

North Carolina Sport Fish Restoration projects include:

- Managing fish populations in the state's lakes, rivers, and streams and protecting these aquatic habitats.
- Managing more than 1,100 miles of trout streams with public access.
- Offering free public fishing opportunities at more than 100 Public Fishing Areas and Community Fishing Program sites.
- Providing access to public waters at more than 200 Boating Access Areas.



For more information, visit www.ncwildlife.org

NORTH CAROLINA ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

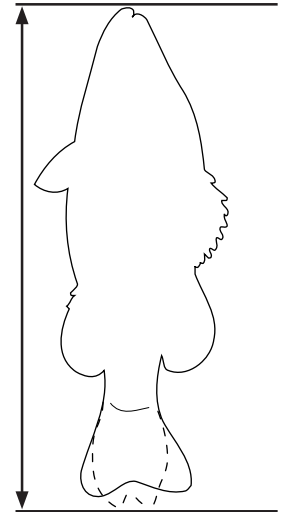
Any angler who catches a fish meeting specific size requirements can apply to have the catch recognized as a "trophy" fish through the North Carolina Angler Recognition Program, or NCARP. This program provides recognition to all anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not large enough to qualify as state record fish.

Youth age 15 and younger may apply for a Youth NCARP certificate. Youth NCARP certificates are available for any fish listed below and do not have to meet any minimum length and weight requirements.

North Carolina Angler Recognition Program minimum trophy fish weight or length requirements

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LENGTH	SPECIES	WEIGHT	LENGTH
Bass			Muskellunge	20 lbs.	41"
Bodie (hybrid) Bass	8 lbs.	24"	Perch		
Largemouth Bass	8 lbs.	24"	White Perch	1 lb.	12"
Smallmouth Bass	3 lbs.	19"	Yellow Perch	1 lb.	14"
Spotted Bass	2 lbs.	15"	Pickerel		
Striped Bass	10 lbs.	27"	Chain Pickerel	4 lbs.	26"
White Bass	2 lbs.	17"	Redfin Pickerel	10 oz.	12"
Bowfin	10 lbs.	22"	Shad		
Carp-Common	20 lbs.	34"	American	3 lbs.	16"
Catfish			Hickory	2 lbs.	13"
Blue	30 lbs.	41"	Sunfish		
Bullhead (any species)	2 lbs.	15"	Bluegill	1 lb.	11"
Channel	10 lbs.	30"	Flier	6 oz.	8"
Flathead	30 lbs.	41"	Green	1 lb.	9"
White	4 lbs.	21"	Pumpkinseed	14 oz.	10"
Crappie (black or white)	2 lbs.	16"	Redbreast (Robin)	1 lb.	11"
Freshwater Drum	12 lbs.	28"	Redear (Shellcracker)	1 lb.	11"
Kokanee Salmon	2 lbs.	14"	Roanoke Bass	1 lb.	11"
Longnose Gar	10 lbs.	48"	Rock Bass	1 lb.	11"
Mountain Trout			Warmouth	1 lb.	11"
Brook	2 lbs.	16"	Walleye	5 lbs.	23"
Brown	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"			
Rainbow	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"			

Fish should be measured to the nearest ¼ inch. Lay the fish on a flat surface. Using a measuring rule, measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.



NCARP Application Form



Form must be filled out completely. Please print. Hook & line only (rod & reel or cane pole)

Angler Information

Full Name _____ E-mail (optional) _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ Phone number () _____ WRC # (if available) _____
Month Day Year

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Fish Information

Kind of Fish _____ Date Caught _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz. OR Length _____ in.

Body of water where caught _____ County _____

Type of Water Pond Reservoir/Lake River/Stream Sound/Bay

Bait Natural Artificial Did you release the fish? Yes No Check if angler is 15 years or younger

Enclose a check or money order for \$5 payable to NCWRC-NCARP and mail to:
 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Division of Inland Fisheries
 Mail Service Center 1721 Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1721

NORTH CAROLINA FRESHWATER FISHING RECORDS

Species	Weight Lbs/Oz	Location	Date	Angler's Name	Lure or Bait
BASS					
Bodie (SBxWB)	17/7	Lake Chatuge	3/15/96	Michael R. Hogsed	Rebel jointed plug
Roanoke	2/10.75	Fishing Creek, Nash Co.	4/27/94	Richard Elijah Evans	Spinner bait
Largemouth	15/14	Pond, Union Co.	3/29/91	William H. Wofford	Crankbait
Rock (Redeye)	1/14	Deep River	4/29/98	Robert W. Lytton	Crappie jig
Smallmouth	10/2	Hiwassee Reservoir	6/1/51	Archie Lampkin	Unknown
Spotted	6/5	Lake Norman	12/26/03	Eric M. Weir	Zoom Finesse Worm
Striped	54/2	Hiwassee Reservoir	6/7/91	Larry Kleith Verner	Minnow
White	5/14	Kerr Reservoir	3/15/86	Jim King	Bucktail
CATFISH					
Blue	89/0	Badin Lake	11/25/06	Eric Fincher	Shiner
Flathead	78/0	Cape Fear River	9/17/05	Brian Newberger	Eel
White	13/0	Lake James	5/21/90	Jerry Wayne Bentley	Nightcrawler
Channel	23/4	Rocky Mount Lake	9/1/70	E. J. Bowden	Shrimp
Brown bullhead	3/12	Buck Hall Creek	4/26/97	Gregory Dale Hughes	Nightcrawler
PERCH					
White	2/15	Falls of the Neuse Reservoir	12/16/01	Bob G. Williams Jr.	Strata Spoon
Yellow	2/9	Indiantown Creek	2/8/90	Evelyn G. Ethridge	Minnow
PICKEREL					
Chain	8/0	Gaston Reservoir	2/13/68	John H. Leonard	Minnow
Redfin	2/4	Gallberry Swamp	6/23/97	Edward C. Davis	Minnow
SHAD					
American	7/15.5	Tar River	4/10/74	R.S. Proctor	Shad dart
Hickory	4/1	Pitchkettle Creek	2/22/04	Trey Maroules	Spoon
SUNFISH					
Redear (Shellcracker)	4/15	Pond, Edgecombe Co.	5/19/08	Travis Jackson	Worm
Bluegill	4/5	Henderson County	7/27/67	Danny Case	Catawba worm
Flier	1/5	Pond	3/17/90	Douglas N. McCall	Cricketer
Green	1/14	Pond, Caswell Co.	7/27/08	Sean Vanderburg	Culprit worm
Redbreast	1/12	Big Swamp, Bladen Co.	5/29/83	Ronald Stanley	Beetle spin
Warmouth	1/13	McLeods Pond, Richmond Co.	5/7/76	Emma Sears	Minnow
Pumpkinseed	1/6	Trent River	5/21/03	John Koonce	Eel
TROUT					
Brook	7/7	Raven Fork River	5/15/80	G.L. Marshall, Jr.	Rooster tail
Brown	24/10	Nantahala River	4/17/98	Robert Lee Dyer	Rapala
Rainbow	20/3	Horsepasture River	1/28/06	Leah Johnson	Rapala
OTHER					
Bowfin	17/15	Black River	6/21/97	Gregory A. Demery Sr.	Cut bait, sunfish
Carp	48/0	Pond, Mecklenburg Co.	3/11/86	William Houston Jr.	Unknown
Crappie, black	4/15	Asheboro City Lake #4	4/27/80	Dean Dixon	Minnow
Crappie, white	3/12	Tar River Reservoir	4/6/10	Vernon Patterson	Minnow
Freshwater drum	22/0	Kerr Lake	11/27/06	Daniel Stotts	Minnow
Grass carp	68/12	Summerlius Pond, Leland	6/8/98	David W. Stowell	Rebel Pop R
Longnose gar	25/0	ICW at Coinjock	1/30/09	Kelly Williams	Tube minnow
Kokanee salmon	3/9	Nantahala Lake	6/20/09	Ashley Swann	Custom lure
Muskellunge	41/8	Lake Adger	1/23/01	Richard W. Dodd	Big Mack
Muskellunge, tiger*	33/8	Lake James	4/3/88	Gary Dean Nanney	Buzzbait
Pike, northern*	11/13	Lake James	8/26/78	Keith Gilliam	Storm wiggle wart
Sauger	5/15	Lake Norman	7/25/71	David Shook	Top water Rapala
Smallmouth buffalo	88/0	Lake Wylie	11/14/93	Tony Crawford	Pack bait
Walleye	13/8	Lake Chatuge (Shooting Cr.)	8/16/86	Lamar L. Cofer	Old faithful spoon

*These fishes are no longer present in North Carolina waters.

NONGAME REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

Any animal not classified as a game fish, game animal, fur-bearer or a game bird is considered to be nongame. There are, however, regulations that apply to the taking and collection of these wildlife resources. For animals not specified elsewhere in this Digest, the following guidelines apply:

Nongame Fish, Crustaceans and Mollusks – See pages 28 – 34 for information on collecting nongame fish, crustaceans and mollusks for personal use, sale and bait. A Fish Collection License is needed to take or collect any aquatic animal for scientific purposes. In addition, a special permit is required when the animal is a freshwater mussel or any endangered, threatened or special concern species.

Mammals – A Wildlife Collection License is needed to take or collect any nongame mammal. This includes bats. If the animal is endangered, threatened or of special concern, an Endangered Species permit is required.

Birds – Most birds in North Carolina are defined as migratory and thus are protected by federal laws. Call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more information at (919) 856-4786. The exceptions are the English sparrow, pigeon, starling, mute swan, and **Eurasian collared dove**.

Reptiles – An annual Wildlife Collection License is needed to take or collect 5 or more lizards or snakes. Collection of 5 or more turtles

of the family *Emydidae* or *Trionychidae* (basking and box turtles) is prohibited. Limits on snapping/mud/musk turtles are 10 per day, and 100 per year. If the animal is endangered, threatened or of special concern, an Endangered Species permit is required.

Amphibians – An annual Wildlife Collection License is needed to take or collect 25 or more frogs, toads, mudpuppies or salamanders (“spring lizards”). If the animal is endangered, threatened or of special concern, an Endangered Species permit is required.

- Wildlife Collection License applications are available on-line at http://www.ncwildlife.org/fs_index_01_license.htm. Fish Collection License applications are available by calling (919) 707-0226.
- The list of endangered, threatened and special concern species in North Carolina is online at http://www.ncwildlife.org/fs_index_07_conservation.htm.
- Questions about special permits may be directed to the Division of Wildlife Management at (919) 707-0050.
- It is not necessary to obtain a Collection License before defending yourself or another from a wildlife threat.
- More information about nongame wildlife, resolving wildlife conflicts or holding animals in captivity is available online at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling the Division of Wildlife Management.

HELP KEEP NORTH CAROLINA WILD!



LARRY PRICE, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Hunters and anglers were the original conservationists, helping to restore many game animals, such as turkeys, white-tailed deer and striped bass. But other animals, like bats, bog turtles and songbirds, continue to decline. We need your help to continue programs that benefit these essential animals and their habitats.

You can help by donating to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. While projects funded target nongame animals and their habitats, game species also benefit because they share the same habitats.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND EASY TO MAKE:

- ◆ Visit www.ncwildlife.org/give to donate online or print a mail-in form.
- ◆ Call (888) 248-6834.
- ◆ Contribute a portion of your state income tax refund through the N.C. Tax Check-off for Nongame and Endangered Wildlife.
- ◆ Order a Wildlife Conservation license plate for your vehicle, trailer or camper by visiting www.ncwildlife.org/give.
- ◆ Round up your N.C. Wild Store purchase to a whole number.



HELP CONSERVE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND NATURAL PLACES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.

Trapping Regulations and Information It is legal in North Carolina to trap **armadillo**, beaver, coyote, groundhog, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel and bobcat during the trapping seasons listed below, unless otherwise noted. In addition to the trapping seasons listed below, it is legal to trap coyotes during any fox-trapping season, established by statute or by local law, using methods described in statute, even when those seasons open prior to and extend after the regular trapping seasons.

General Trapping Restrictions

It is unlawful to:

- Sell or otherwise transfer ownership of the carcass or pelt of a bobcat or otter without first tagging it with the appropriate tag available from the Wildlife Resources Commission. The fee is \$2.20 for each bobcat or otter tag. You may purchase these tags by telephone, (888) 248-6834, using a VISA or MasterCard credit card, or you can mail your request along with the fee to: NCWRC, Bobcat/Otter Tags, 1707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1707. Include your name, address, date of birth and WRC number. NOTE: All bobcat and otter fur must be tagged within 10 days of the close of the applicable season.
- Open or damage a beaver lodge without a permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission.

You should also read the “Game Lands” section of this digest for trapping restrictions on certain game lands.

Statewide Trapping Laws

It is unlawful to:

- Take wild animals by trapping upon the land of another without having in possession written permission issued and dated within the previous year by the landowner or his agent.
- Take wild animals by trapping with any steel-jaw, leg-hold or Conibear-type trap unless the trap:
 - a. has a jaw spread of not more than 7½ inches.
 - b. is horizontally offset with a closed-jaw offset of at least 3/16 of an inch for a trap with a jaw spread of more than 5½ inches. This provision does not apply if the trap is set in the water with a quick-drown type set.
 - c. is smooth-edged and without teeth or spikes.
 - d. has a weather-resistant permanent tag attached legibly giving the trapper’s name and address.
- Set a steel-jaw or leghold trap on dry land with solid anchor with a trap chain longer than eight inches from trap to anchor, unless fitted with a shock-absorbing device with at least 40 lbs. and not more than 75 lbs. of pull. Trap chain is measured from anchor point (ground level) to the base of the trap.
- Remove or disturb any lawfully set trap or remove any furbearing animal from a trap without permission of the trap owner.
- Set snares of any type, except for capturing beavers and only during the beaver trapping season.
- Set or use a trap so that animals or birds will be suspended when caught.
- Set or use a hook of any sort or type to take wild animals or wild birds.

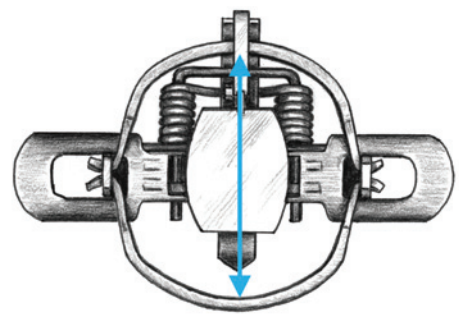


Figure 1. To measure jaw spread of a foot-hold trap, measure from inside jaw to inside jaw.

Conibear Traps Conibear-type traps that are **totally covered by water** with an anchor can have an inside jaw spread or opening (width or height) greater than 7½ inches and no larger than 26 inches in width and 12 inches in height.

- a. These Conibear-type traps can only be set in areas in which beaver and otter may be lawfully trapped.
- b. In areas of tidal waters, the mean high water is considered covering water.
- c. In reservoir areas, covering water is the low water level prevailing during the preceding 24 hours.

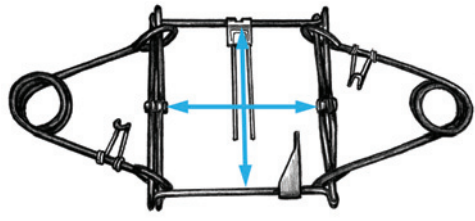


Figure 2. To measure the width and height of a Conibear®-type trap, measure from inside jaw to inside jaw.

TRAPPING SEASONS

Season	Applicable Area
Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	In and east of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Green, Lenoir, Duplin, Pender and New Hanover counties.
Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	In all other counties. NOTE: In addition to the regular trapping seasons listed above, coyotes may be taken in counties, areas and times where fox-trapping is allowed by statute.
Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	Statewide for beaver only. NOTE: Only during the beaver trapping season can Conibear-type traps, with an inside jaw spread or opening (width or height) greater than 7½ inches and no larger than 26 inches in width and 12 inches in height, be set with at least one-half covered by water for trapping beaver. NOTE: Landowners whose property is or has been damaged or destroyed by beaver may take beaver on their property anytime by any lawful method without obtaining a permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission. The landowner may obtain assistance from other persons in taking the depredateing beaver by giving those persons permission to take beaver on the landowner’s property.
Jan. 1 - Jan.22	Fox-trapping is allowed in Caswell, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Macon and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10. Trappers must have fox tags prior to taking foxes, and the sale of live foxes under this season is prohibited. There are no open fox-trapping seasons in any other county, except where provided by local laws. For more information about local laws for hunting and trapping foxes, visit the hunting/trapping page on www.ncwildlife.org and click on “Fox Season Trapping and Hunting Laws.”

There is no closed season and no bag limit for trapping nutria east of I-77.

Attendance Every trap must be visited daily and any animal caught therein removed, except for completely submerged Conibear-type traps, which must be visited at least once every 72 hours and any animal caught therein removed.

UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT OF PERSONS TAKING WILDLIFE RESOURCES

In North Carolina, it is unlawful for a person to interfere intentionally with the lawful taking of wildlife resources or to drive, harass, or intentionally disturb any wildlife resources for the purpose of disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife resources on public or private property. NOTE: This law does not apply to activity by a person on land he or she owns or leases or to a person who incidentally interferes with the taking of wildlife

resources while using the land for other lawful activity such as agriculture, mining or recreation. Violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable for a first conviction by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or by both and punishable for a second or subsequent conviction by a fine left to the discretion of the court (N.C. General Statute §113-295).

What Should I Do? If you experience unlawful harassment, immediately notify your nearest wildlife enforcement officer, county sheriff's office or local police department. Advise the authorities of this law and that you wish to hunt peacefully.

What Not to Do Do not provoke a fight, threaten reprisals or use profanity. Remember that some anti-hunting activists seek confrontation and may be accompanied by the news media.

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MANNER OF TAKING

Definition of Take To take is defined as all operations during, immediately preparatory and immediately subsequent to an attempt, whether successful or not, to capture, kill, pursue, hunt or otherwise harm or reduce to possession any fisheries resource or wildlife resource.

Season Dates For most species, hunting seasons are set to open on the same day of the week every year and at the same general time. For example, rabbit season opens every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and ends on the last day of February. Changes in season dates that are a result of newly adopted regulations will appear in red ink. However, most seasonal dates that are different from last year are the result of the annual shift of days in each year's calendar.

General Restrictions

- Lawful seasons and bag limits for each species apply beginning with the first day of the listed season and continue through the last day of the listed season, with all dates being included except Sundays; Hunting seasons are closed on Sundays with the following exceptions:
 - military installations under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government may allow hunting on Sundays;
 - lawful archery equipment may be used on private lands on Sundays, except migratory game birds may not be taken on Sundays; and
 - falconry may be practiced on private lands and game lands on Sundays, except migratory game birds may not be taken on Sundays.
- Game birds and animals, other than raccoon and opossum, and other animals for which a season has been set, may be taken only between 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset with rifle, pistol, shotgun, bow and arrow, dogs or by means of falconry. Call (800) 675-0263 for shooting hours for migratory birds.
- It is unlawful to use any of the following in taking wild birds or animals:
 - artificial lights (including laser sights)
 - electronic or recorded calls (except electronic calls are permitted for crow and coyote hunting)
 - fire
 - firearms equipped with a silencer or any device designed to minimize the report of the firearm
 - motor vehicles (at no time may any wild animals or birds be taken with the aid of a motor vehicle while the passenger area is occupied or while the vehicle engine is running)
 - vessels: from any vessel under sail, under power, or with the engine running, or while still in the motion from such propulsion, or
 - airplanes
- It is unlawful to use bait in taking wild birds or to take wild boar or bear with the use or aid of bait, which includes any salt, salt lick, grain, fruit, honey, sugar-based material or substance, animal parts or animal products.
- No wild turkey may be taken from an area in which bait has been placed until the expiration of 10 days after the bait has been consumed or otherwise removed.
- It is unlawful to take deer that are swimming or in water above the knees of the deer.
- Migratory game birds may be taken only during the hours and in the manner permitted by federal regulations.
- It is unlawful to shoot at or into a squirrel's nest.
- Individuals engaged in box trapping rabbits must have an appropriate hunting license to take or transport live rabbits.
- It is unlawful to accept the gift of wildlife lawfully taken unless

you possess in writing the donor's name, address and hunting license number.

- It is unlawful to dump animal remains anywhere without permission.

Bow and Arrow

- Bow-and-arrow hunting is limited to longbows and recurved bows having a minimum pull of 40 pounds and compound bows with a minimum pull of 35 pounds. Only arrows with a fixed minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inch or a mechanically opening broadhead with a minimum width of 7/8 inch in the open position may be used for taking bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey. Blunt-type arrowheads may be used in taking small animals and birds, including but not limited to, rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse, pheasants. Poisonous, drugged, barbed or explosive arrowheads may not be used for taking any game.

Crossbows

- Crossbows are legal hunting weapons for licensed hunters anytime bow-and-arrow hunting is allowed. Crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 150 pounds. Bolts must use heads as described for arrows in the preceding section.
- According to state law, anyone who intends to purchase (or receive) a crossbow must first obtain a permit from the Sheriff's office in his or her home county. The exception to this requirement is a person who has a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit and is a current resident of North Carolina at the time of the purchase (or reception).

Shotguns

- Shotguns must be no larger than 10-gauge.
- When hunting migratory game birds, shotguns must be plugged so as to limit their maximum capacity to three shells.

Pistols

- During the open hunting season for rabbits, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, furbearing animals and legal nongame animals and birds, these species may be taken with a pistol of .22-caliber with a barrel not less than 5.5 inches in length.
- A hunter or trapper lawfully taking wildlife by another method may use a pistol to dispatch the animal or bird taken, except as noted below.
- Pistols may not be carried during the bow-and-arrow and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.
- Deer, bear and wild boar may be taken with a handgun during the established gun hunting season provided that the handgun is not less than .24-caliber. Muzzleloading pistols are not legal for hunting.
- It is unlawful to hunt or take wild turkeys with pistols.

Rifles

- Rifles are prohibited by federal law in hunting migratory game birds.
- Local laws prohibit or restrict rifles in some counties.
- It is unlawful to hunt or take wild turkeys with rifles.

Hunting with Dogs

- It is unlawful to hunt, run or chase deer at any time in these counties and all counties west of the line they form: Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Stanly and Union counties.
- It is unlawful to hunt, run or chase deer at any time in these counties and parts of counties:
 - Alamance
 - Chatham
 - Durham
 - Johnston
 - Lee
 - Wayne
 - Anson west of N.C. 742
 - Chowan south of U.S. Highway 17 and U.S. Highway 17 Business and east of a line drawn from the intersection of the western city limits of the Town of Edenton and U.S. Highway 17 Business and extending due south to the Albemarle Sound

- Orange south of I-85
- Richmond west of Little River and to that portion east of Little River and bounded by N.C. 73 to the north, by Hough Road to the east, and by Grassy Island Road to the south.
- Wake south of N.C. 98
- In all other counties hunting deer with dogs is allowed, but local law may impose further restrictions. See “Local Laws” section.
- In counties where hunting deer with dogs is allowed, game land rules may prohibit this activity. See “Game Lands” section.
- It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs during Bow-and-Arrow and Muzzleloading seasons.
- Except for deer, hunting game animals and game birds (except for wild turkey) with dogs is allowed in all counties of the state, subject to the restrictions applied by local laws and game land rules. See “Local Laws” and “Game Lands” sections.

Training Dogs

- It is unlawful to run or chase deer during closed season, except when under the control of the owner. This applies only to counties where hunting deer with dogs is allowed. In counties or parts thereof and game lands where hunting deer with dogs is prohibited, running or chasing deer is prohibited at all times.
- Except as allowed in authorized field trials and training using domestically-raised waterfowl or game birds, it is unlawful to possess firearms, axes, saws or tree-climbing equipment while training or running dogs during closed season.
- Individuals engaged in training dogs and individuals who are active participants in field trials must have an appropriate hunting license.
- When training dogs during the closed season, hunters may use domestically-raised waterfowl or game birds provided that they use shot shells with shot of number 4 size or smaller and the shot is nontoxic when training with waterfowl. All birds must be banded on one leg with the propagator’s license number.
- Further restrictions apply to training dogs on game lands during the closed season. See “Game Lands” section.

Field Trials

- Commission-sanctioned field trials may allow hunters to conduct field trials with dogs in areas and at times authorized with the use of approved weapons and ammunition and may authorize the use of certain domestically raised birds.
- Commission-sanctioned field trials allow license reciprocity for participants, dog owners, handlers and judges.
- Applications for authorization of a Commission-sanctioned field trial must be submitted in writing to a wildlife enforcement officer at least 30 days prior to the scheduled event.
- Applications for authorization of a Commission-sanctioned field trial may be obtained online at www.ncwildlife.org. > Licenses/Permits/Registration/Titling > Other Licenses/Permits > Permit Guide/Other Permits > Field Trial Permit

Boats Deer may not be hunted from boats or other floating devices in some counties. Also see restrictions for vessels on page 33.

Hunter or Blaze Orange Any person hunting bear, wild boar, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, pheasant and quail with the use of firearms must wear a cap or hat made of hunter-orange material or an outer garment of hunter orange visible from all sides. Anyone hunting deer during a deer firearms season, regardless of weapon, must wear hunter orange.

Artificial Lights

- In addition to the prohibition of taking wildlife with the use of artificial light, many counties have local regulations that prohibit shining lights on deer or searching for deer with lights 30 minutes after sunset or after 11 p.m. A color-coded map showing county shining laws is presented on page 52.

- The flashing or display of any artificial light between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise in any area that is frequented or inhabited by wild deer by any person who has accessible to him or her a firearm, crossbow or other bow and arrow constitutes prima facie evidence of taking deer with the aid of an artificial light.
- Raccoon and opossum may be taken at night, with dogs during open seasons, with the use of artificial lights commonly used to aid in taking raccoon and opossum.

Road Hunting Local laws prohibit or restrict hunting or shooting from public roads or possession of a loaded firearm on road right-of-ways in some counties.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Local Laws There are many local laws affecting hunting and trapping in North Carolina. An abstract of local laws that are more restrictive than general regulations is included in this Digest. See the “Local Laws” section.

Exotic Species It is unlawful to place exotic species of wild animals or wild birds not indigenous to that area or feral hogs in an area for the purpose of stocking the area for hunting or trapping. (There are certain limited exceptions for licensed-controlled hunting preserves.)

Transfer of Wildlife An individual may accept the gift of wildlife lawfully taken within North Carolina if taking possession does not cause the individual to exceed applicable possession limits. The individual must note and preserve in writing the name and address of the donor and under what license requirements the wildlife was taken.

Trespass The establishment of open seasons does not obligate the private landowner to allow hunting on his property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement for obtaining permission from the landowner before hunting. In some counties, hunters are required to obtain permission to hunt on private property.

State Fish Hatcheries It is unlawful to possess a loaded firearm within a posted restricted zone on any state-owned fish hatchery or to discharge a firearm into or across such a restricted zone.

Cervid Carcass Parts Only the following deer, elk or moose carcass parts harvested in states or provinces with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) will be allowed in North Carolina:

- meat that is cut and wrapped
- quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
- meat that has been boned out
- caped hides
- cleaned skull plates
- antlers
- cleaned teeth
- finished taxidermy products

These parts or their containers must be labeled with the hunter’s name and address; state or province of origin; date the animal was killed; the hunter’s hunting license number; and the destination of the parts or containers.

A current map of CWD-infected states and provinces is available at: <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map>

DEER HUNTER ALERT

Anyone returning with a deer, elk or moose taken in Virginia, North Dakota, Missouri, Michigan, New York, West Virginia, Utah, Illinois, Oklahoma, Minnesota, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Canada's Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been confirmed must follow North Carolina processing/packaging regulations, which allows:

- meat cut and wrapped
- quarters of meat with no part of spinal column or head attached
- meat that has been boned out
- cleaned teeth
- cleaned skull plates
- caped hides
- finished taxidermy products
- antlers

Parts or containers holding parts must be labeled with the hunter's name and complete address; state or province of origin; date the deer (or moose or elk) was killed; the hunter's hunting license number; and the destination of the parts. Taxidermists should immediately inform a wildlife officer if a full head or parts other than those listed are received from a CWD-verified state or province.



HUNTING ON FEDERAL LANDS

State regulations and license requirements apply on federal lands.

Some of the areas listed below may be closed to hunting. For specific information, contact the appropriate federal entity:

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 1969, Manteo, NC 27954
Phone (252) 473-1131

Camp Lejeune

Conservation Law Enforcement Office, Assistant Chief of Staff
Installation Security and Safety Dept, Building PT-3,
Camp Lejeune, NC 28542
Phone (910) 451-5226

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954
Phone (252) 473-2111

Cape Lookout National Seashore

131 Charles St., Harkers Island, NC 28531
Phone (252) 728-2250

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA 23434
Phone (757) 986-3705

Fort Bragg

Wildlife Hunting and Fishing Center, Fort Bragg, NC 28307
Phone (910) 396-7506

Mackay Island and Currituck National Wildlife Refuges

P.O. Box 39, Knotts Island, NC 27950
Phone (252) 429-3100

Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point

Environmental Affairs Dept. Natural Resources Manager,
PSC Box 8003, Marine Corps Air Station,
Cherry Point, NC 28533-0003
Phone (252) 466-3593

Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge

38 Mattamuskeet Rd., Swan Quarter, NC 27885
Phone (252) 926-4021

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 1969, Manteo, NC 27954
Phone (252) 473-1131

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge

5770 US Hwy 52 North, Wadesboro, NC 28170
Phone (704) 694-4424

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 329, Columbia, NC 27925
Phone (252) 796-3004

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 430, Windsor, NC 27983
Phone (252) 794-3808

Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal

6280 Sunny Point Rd. SE, Southport, NC 28461
Phone (910) 457-8291

U.S. Forest Service

160 Zillicoa St., Suite A, Asheville, NC 28801
Phone (828) 257-4200

Blue Ridge Parkway

Permits and information about special parkway regulations governing access to adjoining game lands may be obtained from: The Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, National Park Service, 199 Hemphill Knob Rd., Asheville, NC 28803. Phone (828) 271-4779.

BIG GAME

BEAR

Non-residents hunting bear must possess a bear/wild boar hunting license (See page 7).

Restrictions It is unlawful to do any of the following:

- Hunt bear in any areas not included in the listings below.

- Take a cub (less than 50 pounds) or a female bear with cub(s).
- Take a bear with the use or aid of bait, which includes any salt, salt lick, grain, fruit, honey, sugar-based material or substance, animal parts or animal products.
- Place processed food products as bait in any area of the state with an open season for taking black bears. Processed food products are any food substance or flavoring that has been modified by the addition of ingredients or by treatment to modify its chemical composition or form or to enhance its aroma or taste. This includes: food products enhanced by sugar, honey, syrups, oils, salts, spices, peanut butter, grease, meat, bones, or blood; candies, pastries, gum, and sugar blocks; and extracts of such products. The prohibition against taking bears with the use and aid of bait does not apply to the release of dogs in the vicinity of any food source that is not a processed food product. However, dogs may not be released in the vicinity of any commercially available mineral supplement whether placed for the purpose of attracting deer or otherwise.
- Hunt bear on a bear sanctuary. (See the information below on bear sanctuaries.)

BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Season limit 1

WESTERN BEAR SEASON

Oct. 18 – Nov. 20

Dec. 13 – Jan. 1

West of the boundary formed by I-77 from the Virginia state line to I-40 and I-40 west to N.C. 18 south to the South Carolina state line.

Note: Further game land restrictions may apply. See the Game Lands section for specific game land rules.

EASTERN BEAR SEASONS:

Nov. 8 – Jan. 1

In the following counties:

Bladen	Onslow
Carteret	Pamlico (use of dogs for hunting bear is prohibited here.)
Cumberland	Pender
Duplin	Sampson
New Hanover	

Dec. 6 – 25

Brunswick Columbus

Nov. 8 – 13 and Dec. 13 – 25

In the following counties:

Beaufort	Hyde
Camden	Jones
Chowan	Pasquotank
Craven	Tyrrell
Dare	Washington

Nov. 8 – 13 and Dec. 13 – 15

In the following counties:

Halifax	Northampton
Martin	

Nov. 6 – 13 and Dec. 13 – 25

Bertie	Hertford
Currituck	Perquimans
Gates	

Nov. 8 – 13

Greene	Pitt	Lenoir
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Bear Sanctuaries Bear may not be taken in those parts of counties included in the following sanctuaries:

Sanctuary	Applicable County or Counties
Bachelor Bay Bear Sanctuary	Bertie, Martin and Washington
Bombing Range Bear Sanctuary (except by permit only)	Dare
Daniel Boone Bear Sanctuary (except by permit only)	Avery, Burke and Caldwell
Columbus County Bear Sanctuary	Columbus
Croatan Bear Sanctuary	Carteret, Craven and Jones

Fires Creek Bear Sanctuary	Clay
Flat Top Bear Sanctuary	Mitchell and Yancey
Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary	Brunswick
Gull Rock Bear Sanctuary	Hyde
Gum Swamp Bear Sanctuary	Pamlico and Beaufort
Harmon Den Bear Sanctuary	Haywood
Panthertown-Bonas Defeat Bear Sanctuary	Jackson
Mt. Mitchell Bear Sanctuary (except by permit only)	McDowell and Yancey
North River Bear Sanctuary	Camden and Currituck
Pisgah Bear Sanctuary	Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
Pungo River Bear Sanctuary	Hyde
Rich Mountain Bear Sanctuary	Madison
Sherwood Bear Sanctuary	Haywood
Standing Indian Bear Sanctuary	Macon
Suggs Mill Pond Bear Sanctuary	Bladen
Thurmond Chatham Bear Sanctuary	Wilkes
Wayah Bear Sanctuary	Macon

The following additional restrictions apply to bear sanctuaries:

- It is unlawful to take wild boar on bear sanctuaries except during the deer bow-and-arrow season, deer muzzleloading season, deer gun season and any small game season using only weapons and manner of take prescribed for that hunting season.
- Dogs may not be used to take wild boar.
- Dogs may not be used to pursue bear.
- The Harmon Den Bear Sanctuary and Sherwood Bear Sanctuary in Haywood County are closed to raccoon, bobcat and opossum hunting.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or allow dogs to run unleashed on bear sanctuaries in and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties from March 1 until the Monday on or nearest Oct. 15.

Attention Bear Hunters: The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is collecting information from black bears harvested by hunters. We use the upper premolar tooth (located directly behind the upper canine tooth) from a harvested bear to determine the bear's age. This information helps us monitor the status of our bear population, which is an important aspect of our bear management program.

If you harvest a bear, please contact our wildlife staff in the field so that a tooth and other information may be collected. If you cannot locate wildlife staff, please call the Wildlife Management division at (919) 707-0050 so that we may send information to you on how to collect the tooth. If you provide a tooth, we will mail the age of the bear you harvested to you prior to the next hunting season. Your cooperation is appreciated.

DEER

EASTERN DEER SEASON	
Bow-and-arrow:	Sept. 11 – Oct. 1
Muzzleloader:	Oct. 2 – Oct. 15
Gun:	Oct. 16 to Jan. 1
CENTRAL DEER SEASON	
Bow-and-arrow:	Sept. 11 – Oct. 29
Muzzleloader:	Oct. 30 – Nov. 12
Gun:	Nov. 13 to Jan. 1
NORTHWESTERN DEER SEASON	
Bow-and-arrow:	Sept. 11 – Nov. 5
Muzzleloader:	Nov. 6 – Nov. 19
Gun:	Nov. 20 – Jan. 1
WESTERN DEER SEASON	
Bow-and-arrow:	Sept. 13 – Oct. 2 and Oct. 18 – Nov. 20
Muzzleloader:	Oct. 4 – Oct. 16
Gun:	Nov. 22 to Dec. 11

Seasons See the maps on the following pages for season dates for deer with visible antlers, primitive weapons seasons and general season dates for either-sex deer.

- Seasons for deer with visible antlers and primitive weapons seasons on game lands follow the season for the county in which they are located except for Buffalo Cove Game Land, Nicholson Creek Game Land, Rockfish Creek Game Land, Sandhills Game Land and South Mountains Game Land. See the Game Lands section for additional restrictions on these Game Lands seasons. Refer to the “Game Lands” section for Gun Either-Sex Deer Season dates on game lands.

General Restrictions

- Any person hunting deer during a deer firearms season shall wear hunter orange.
- Visible antlers are defined as bony structures that protrude through the skin. Knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers.
- It is unlawful to carry any type of firearm while bow-and-arrow hunting during the bow-and-arrow seasons.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow-and-arrow or the muzzleloading firearm deer seasons.
- Pistols may not be carried while hunting deer during the muzzleloading firearm season.
- During the muzzleloading firearm season, only muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading shotguns and **permitted archery equipment** may be used. **This applies to private lands and game lands.**
- During the gun deer season, bow and arrows, pistols (as defined under manner of taking) and muzzleloading firearms are legal weapons.
- It is unlawful to place processed food products as bait in any area of the state with an open season for taking black bears. Processed food products are any food substance or flavoring that has been modified by the addition of ingredients or by treatment to modify its chemical composition or form or to enhance its aroma or taste. This includes: food products enhanced by sugar, honey, syrups, oils, salts, spices, peanut butter, grease, meat, bones, or blood; candies, pastries, gum, and sugar blocks; and extracts of such products.
- The placement of commercially available mineral supplements specifically and exclusively marketed for attracting or feeding deer is allowed anywhere in the state, except on game lands.

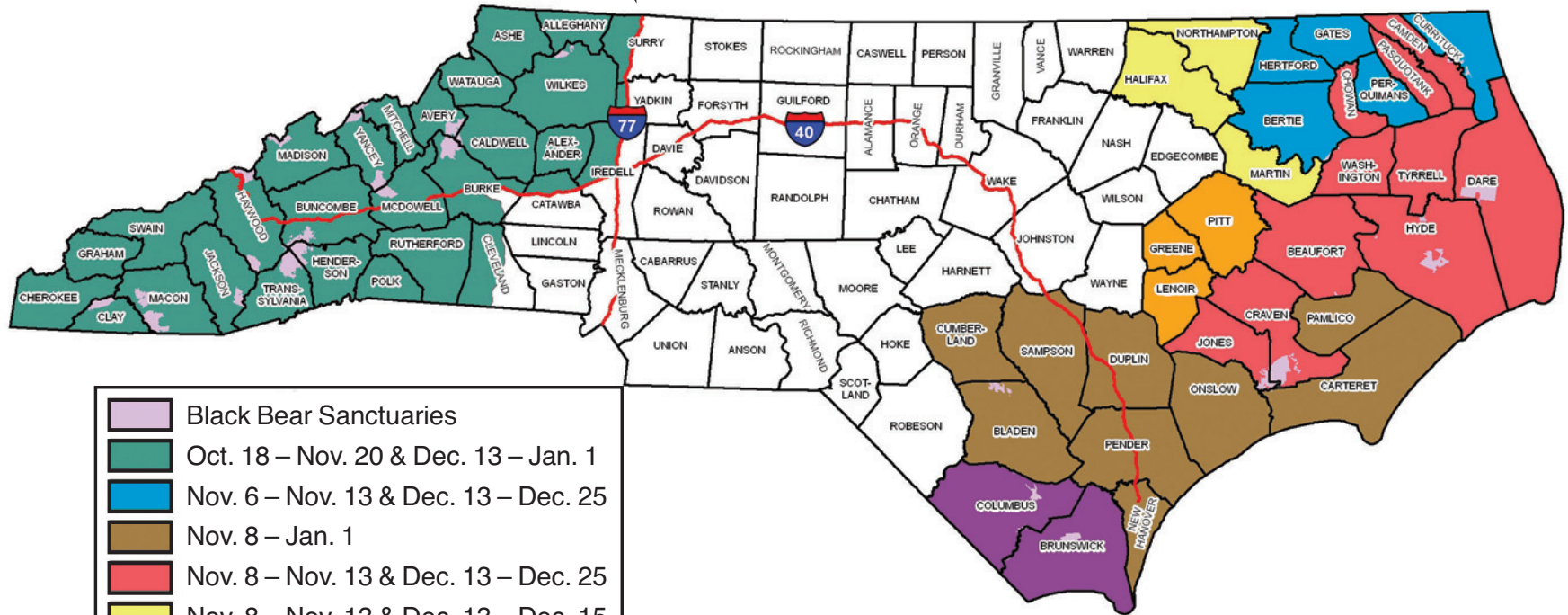
Bag Limits

- The big game hunting license authorizes the hunter to harvest up to six deer. All six deer can be antlerless for all areas of the state. The season limit for antlered deer in the Eastern Deer Season is four. The season limit for antlered deer in the Central, Northwestern, and Western deer seasons is two.
- **There is no daily bag limit.**
- The possession limit for antlered deer is the same as the season limit.
- The possession limit for antlerless deer harvested in areas with a maximum either-sex season, or in those areas participating in the Urban Archery Season, is equivalent to the number of antlerless deer the hunter is authorized to harvest on his big game hunting license and any Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards he may have procured. The possession limit for antlerless deer harvested in all other areas is equivalent to the number of antlerless deer the hunter is authorized to harvest on his big game hunting license.
- Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards allow for the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card. These are NOT valid for use on game lands. Unlimited Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are available to each hunter. Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are valid during archery, muzzleloader, and gun season in those areas with a maximum either-sex gun season.

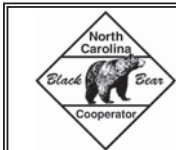
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2010 – 2011 BEAR SEASONS

The western bear season boundary is I-77 from Virginia to the intersection with I-40, continuing along I-40 West until the intersection of N.C. 18 and then N.C. 18 to South Carolina.



-  Black Bear Sanctuaries
-  Oct. 18 – Nov. 20 & Dec. 13 – Jan. 1
-  Nov. 6 – Nov. 13 & Dec. 13 – Dec. 25
-  Nov. 8 – Jan. 1
-  Nov. 8 – Nov. 13 & Dec. 13 – Dec. 25
-  Nov. 8 – Nov. 13 & Dec. 13 – Dec. 15
-  Dec. 6 – Dec. 25
-  Nov. 8 – Nov. 13



Bear Hunters:

Become a Bear Cooperator by submitting the upper premolars of your harvested bear to NCWRC. See page 81 for more information and instructions.



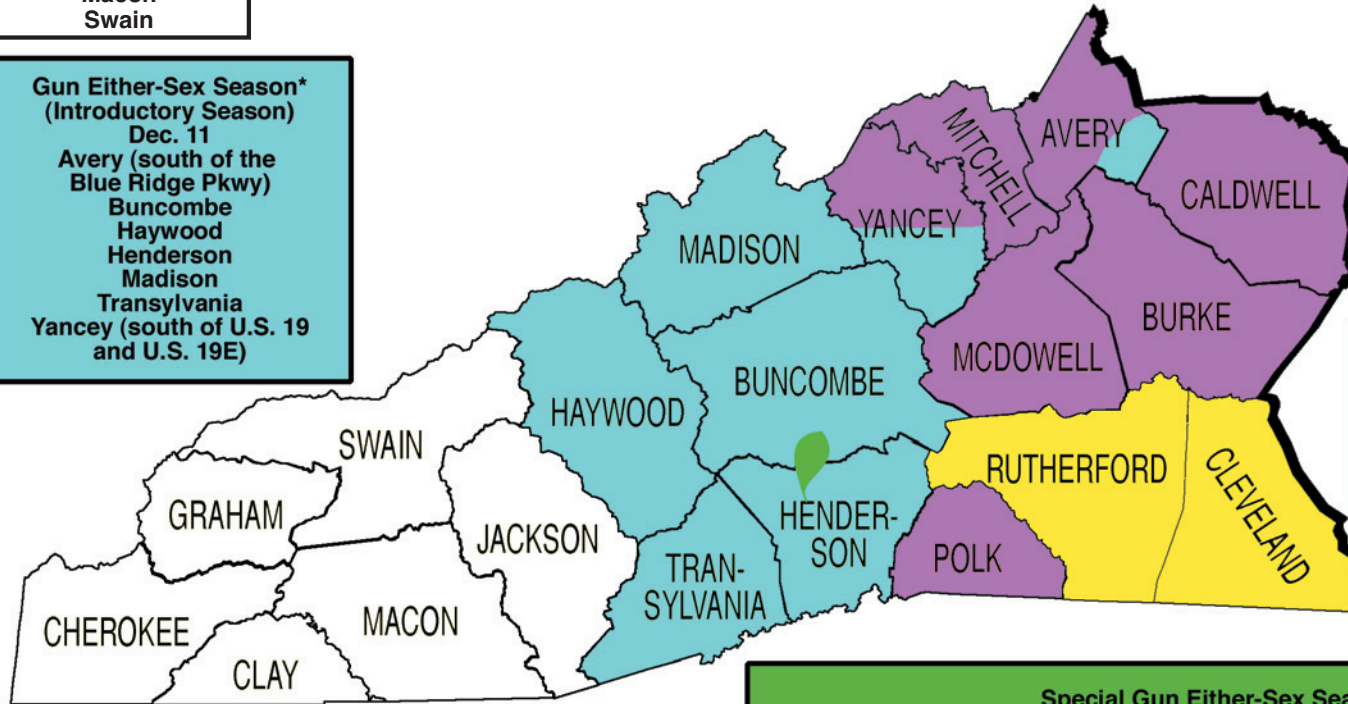
WESTERN DEER SEASON

No Either-Sex Season
 Cherokee
 Clay
 Graham
 Jackson
 Macon
 Swain

Bow-and-Arrow: Sept. 13 – Oct. 2
 Oct. 18 – Nov. 20
Muzzleloader: Oct. 4 – Oct. 16
 Gun: Nov. 22 – Dec. 11

Gun Either-Sex Season* (Conservative Season)
 Dec. 6 – 11
 Avery (north of the Blue Ridge Pkwy)
 Burke
 Caldwell
 McDowell
 Mitchell
 Polk
 Yancey (north of U.S. 19 and U.S. 19E)

Gun Either-Sex Season* (Introductory Season)
 Dec. 11
 Avery (south of the Blue Ridge Pkwy)
 Buncombe
 Haywood
 Henderson
 Madison
 Transylvania
 Yancey (south of U.S. 19 and U.S. 19E)



Gun Either-Sex Season* (Moderate Season)
 Nov. 22 – 27
 Dec. 20 – 25
 Cleveland
 Rutherford

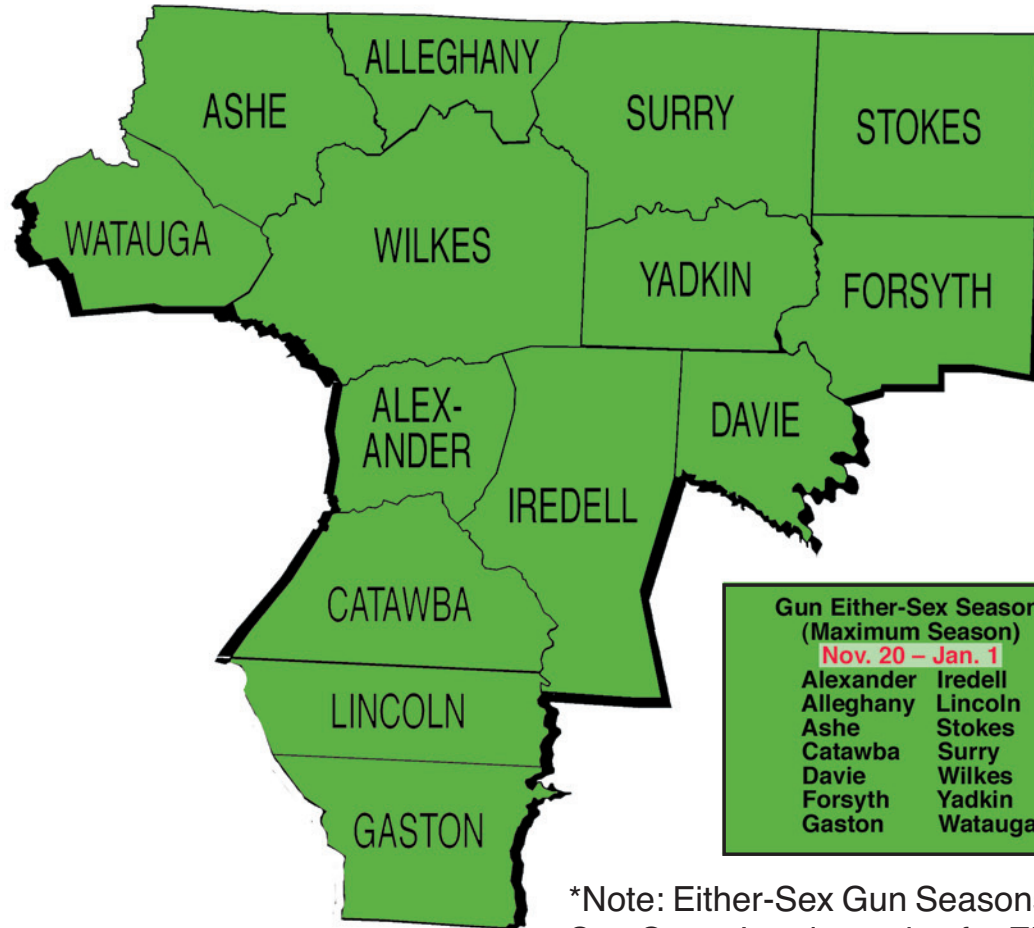
Special Gun Either-Sex Season (Maximum Season)
 Nov. 22 – Dec. 11
Buncombe: that part east of N.C. 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, west of U.S. 25 and north of N.C. 280.
Henderson: that part east of N.C. 191 and north and west of N.C. 280.

*Note: Either-Sex Gun Seasons on game lands may vary. See Game Lands section for Either-Sex Gun Seasons on the game land you will be hunting.
 Note: The Gun Season in Cleveland and Rutherford counties ends Dec. 25, except for South Mountains Game Land (see Game Lands section).

NORTHWESTERN DEER SEASON

Bow-and-Arrow: Sept. 11 – Nov. 5
Muzzleloader: Nov. 6 – Nov. 19
Gun: Nov. 20 – Jan. 1

Does not include that portion of Buffalo Cove Game Land in Wilkes Co. (see Game Lands section).



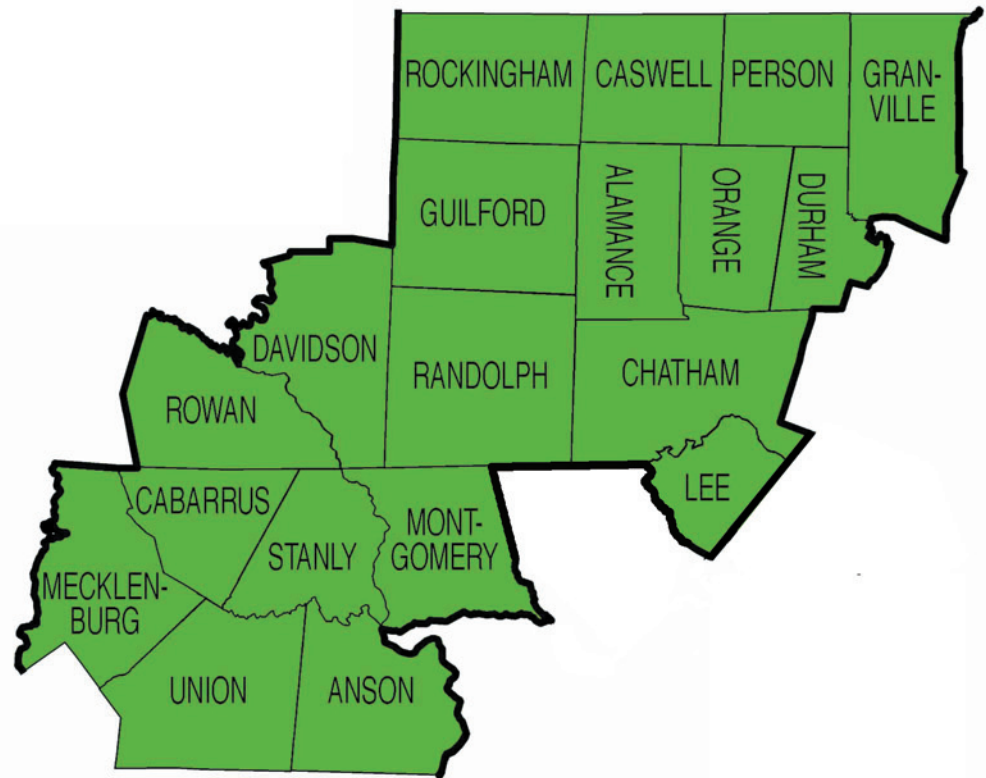
Gun Either-Sex Season*
 (Maximum Season)
Nov. 20 – Jan. 1

Alexander	Iredell
Alleghany	Lincoln
Ashe	Stokes
Catawba	Surry
Davie	Wilkes
Forsyth	Yadkin
Gaston	Watauga

*Note: Either-Sex Gun Seasons on game lands may vary. See Game Lands section for Either-Sex Gun Seasons on the game land you will be hunting.

CENTRAL DEER SEASON

Bow-and-Arrow: Sept. 11 – Oct. 29
Muzzleloader: Oct. 30 – Nov. 12
Gun: Nov. 13 – Jan 1



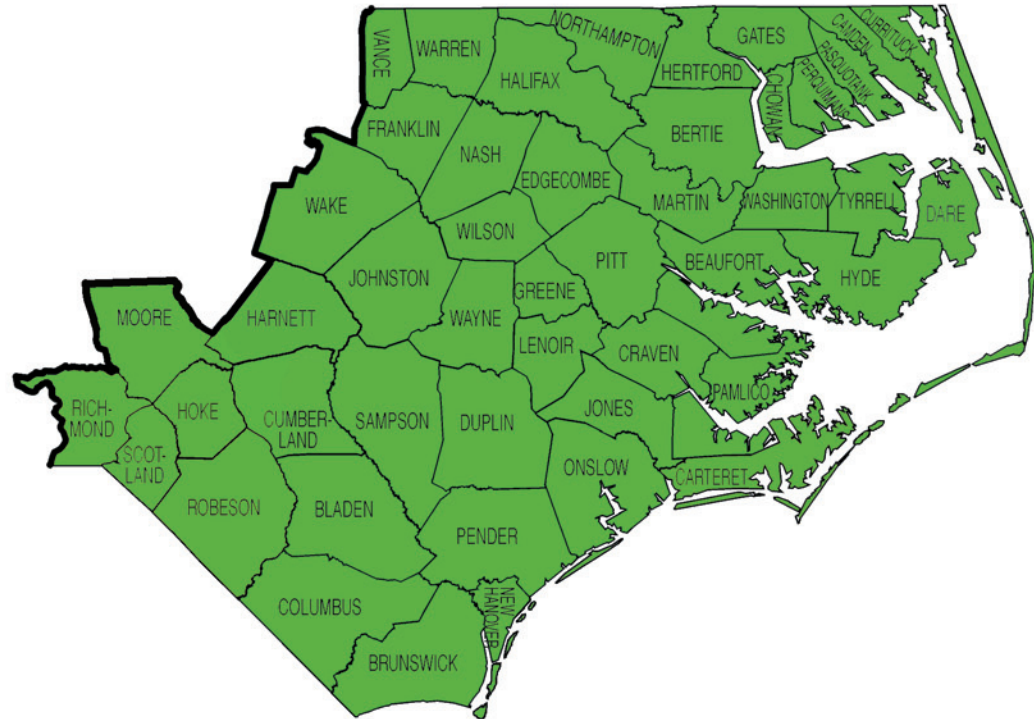
Gun Either-Sex Season* (Maximum Season) Nov. 13 – Jan. 1			
Alamance	Davidson	Mecklenburg	Rockingham
Anson	Durham	Montgomery	Rowan
Caswell	Granville	Orange	Stanly
Cabarrus	Guilford	Person	Union
Chatham	Lee	Randolph	

*Note: Either-Sex Gun Seasons on game lands may vary. See Game Lands section for Either-Sex Gun Seasons on the game land you will be hunting.

EASTERN DEER SEASON

Bow-and-Arrow: Sept. 11 – Oct. 1
Muzzleloader: Oct. 2 – 15
Gun: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1
 Does not include Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills game lands (see Game Lands section).

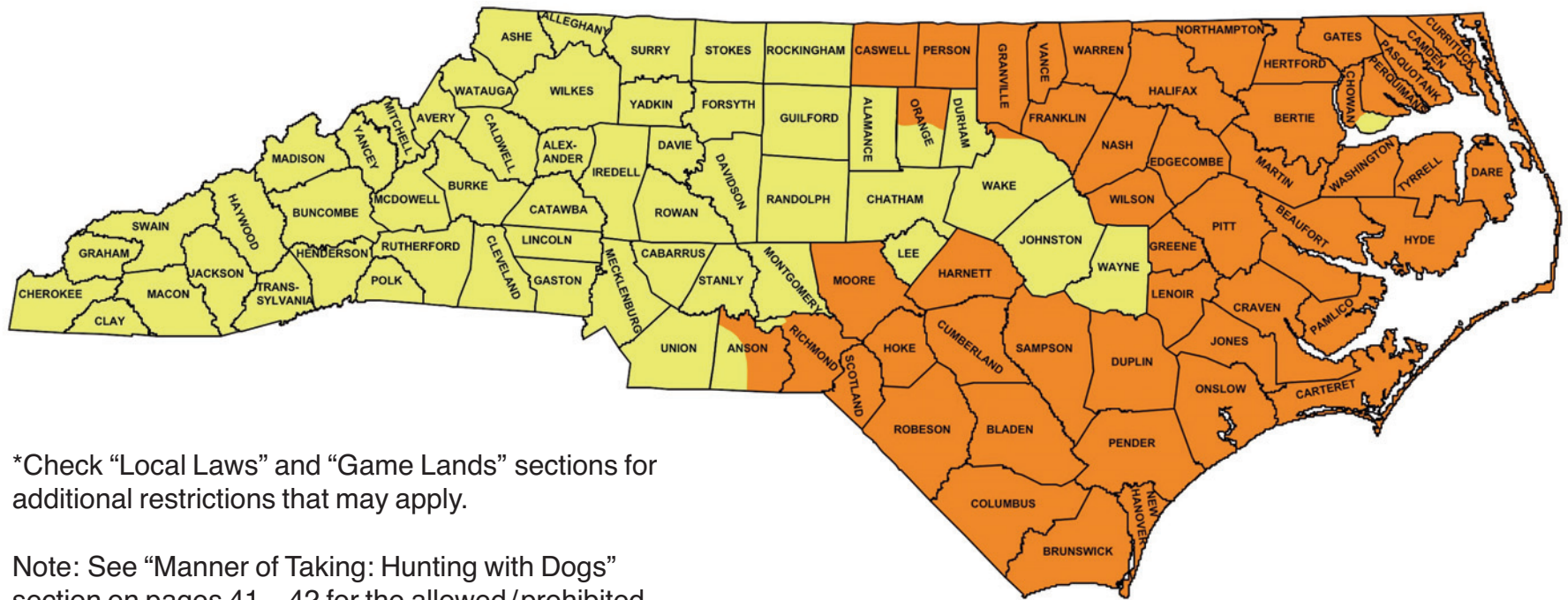
Gun Either-Sex Season* (Maximum Season) Oct. 16 – Jan. 1		
Beaufort	Greene	Pasquotank
Bertie	Halifax	Pender
Bladen	Harnett	Perquimans
Brunswick	Hertford	Pitt
Camden	Hoke	Richmond
Carteret	Hyde	Robeson
Chowan	Johnston	Sampson
Columbus	Jones	Scotland
Craven	Lenoir	Tyrrell
Cumberland	Martin	Vance
Currituck	Moore	Wake
Dare	Nash	Warren
Duplin	New Hanover	Washington
Edgecombe	Northampton	Wayne
Franklin	Onslow	Wilson
Gates	Pamlico	



*Note: Either-Sex Gun Seasons on game lands may vary. See Game Lands section for Either-Sex Gun Seasons on the game land you will be hunting.

DEER HUNTING WITH USE OF DOGS

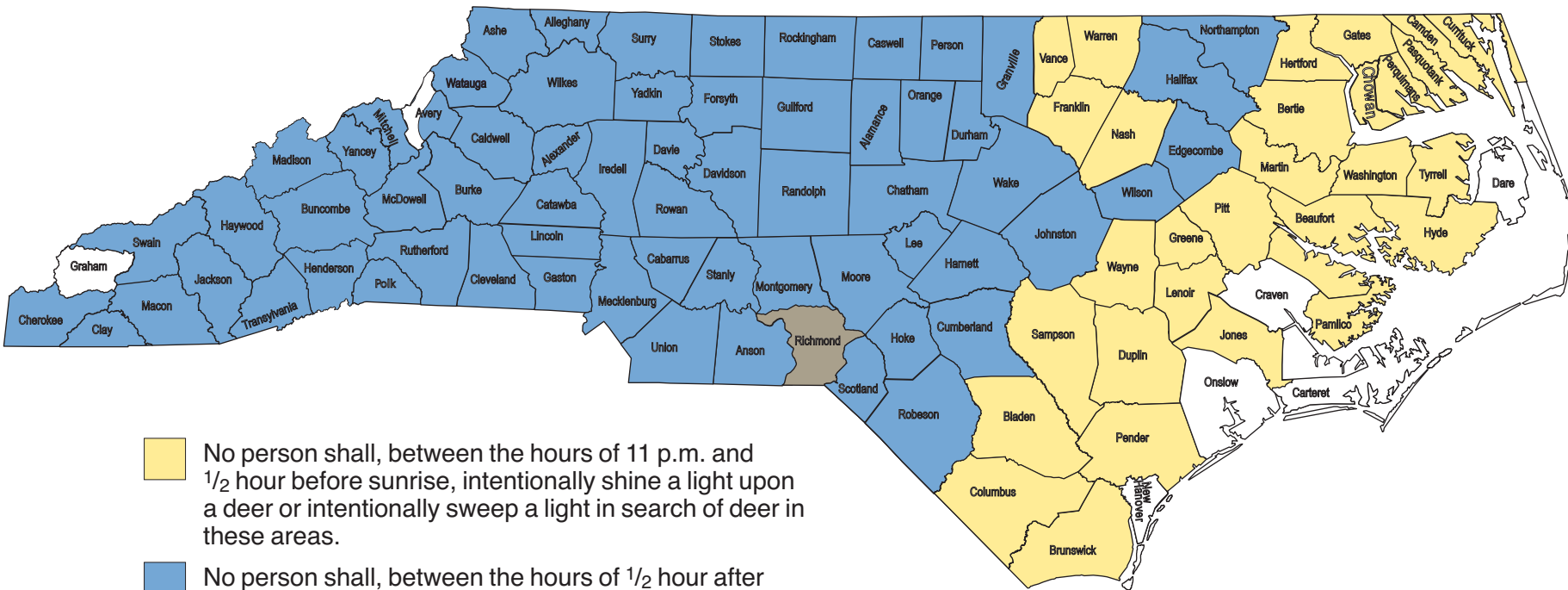
- Allowed*
- Prohibited by state and/or local law



*Check “Local Laws” and “Game Lands” sections for additional restrictions that may apply.

Note: See “Manner of Taking: Hunting with Dogs” section on pages 41 – 42 for the allowed/prohibited boundaries within split counties.

SHINING LIGHTS IN DEER AREAS



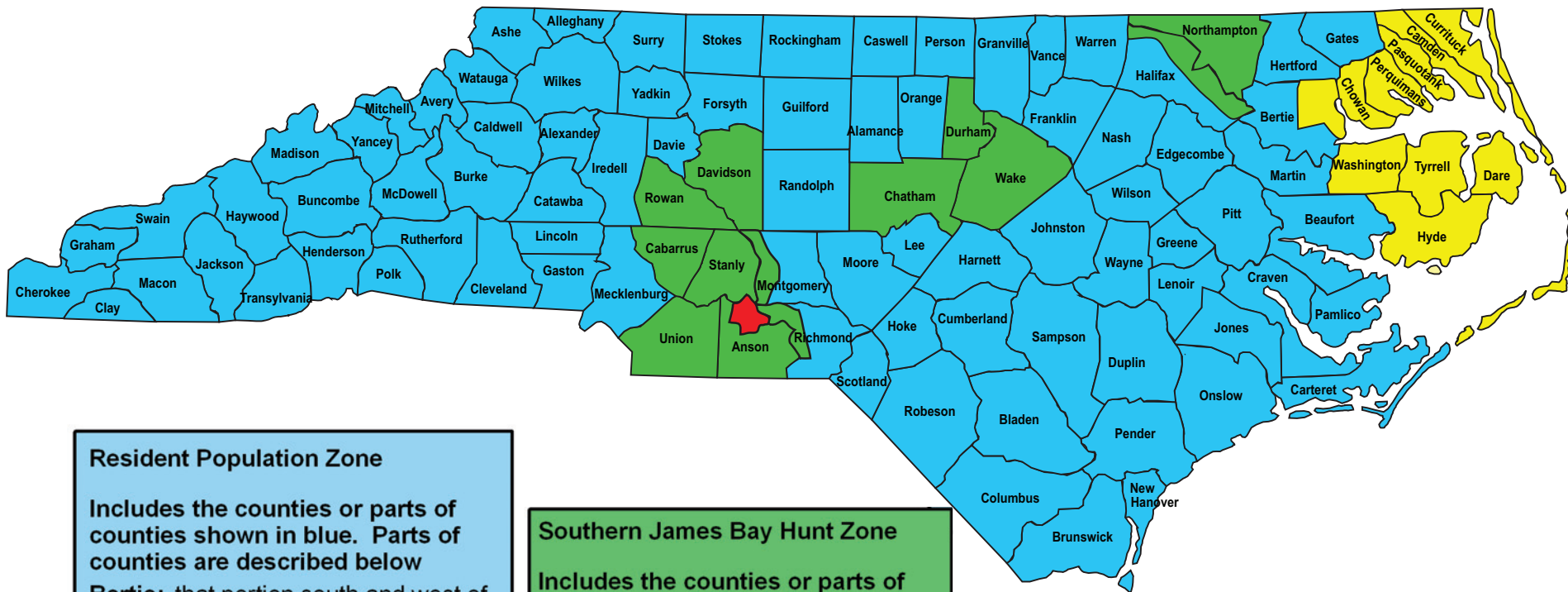
No person shall, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 1/2 hour before sunrise, intentionally shine a light upon a deer or intentionally sweep a light in search of deer in these areas.

No person shall, between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise, intentionally shine a light upon a deer or intentionally sweep a light in search of a deer in these areas.

Unlawful to shine a light intentionally upon a deer or to sweep a light in search of a deer at any time.

No local light laws as of Jan. 1, 2009.

NORTH CAROLINA GOOSE ZONES



Resident Population Zone

Includes the counties or parts of counties shown in blue. Parts of counties are described below

Bertie: that portion south and west of a line formed by N.C. 45 at the Washington Co. line to U.S. 17 in Midway. U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor, U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line

Halifax: that portion west of N.C. 903

Montgomery: that portion east of N.C. 109

Richmond: all of the county except that portion that is south of N.C. 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74

Southern James Bay Hunt Zone

Includes the counties or parts of counties shown in green. Parts of counties are described below:

Halifax: that portion east of N.C. 903

Montgomery: that portion west of N.C. 109

Richmond: that portion that is south of N.C. 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74

Northeast Hunt Zone

Includes the counties or parts of counties shown in yellow. Parts of counties are described below:

Bertie: that portion north and east of a line formed by N.C. 45 at the Washington Co. line to U.S. 17 in Midway, U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line

Gaddy's Goose Refuge: Closed season for Canada geese after Sept. 30

Portion of Anson Co. north of Ansonville shown in red

For a complete description refer to page 57 of the Regulations Digest or go to our website www.ncwildlife.org

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Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are also valid in municipalities participating in the Urban Archery Season. For information on how to obtain Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards, go to www.ncwildlife.org or call (888) 2HUNTFISH.

- Antlerless deer harvested under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) are not included in normal statewide bag limits. Hunters **participating in the program** must follow harvest restrictions prescribed in the DMAP.
- Note: Antlerless deer may be taken only in those areas and during those times described elsewhere in this publication.

Either-Sex Deer Seasons

Bow-and-Arrow Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may be taken during bow-and-arrow deer season in all areas (includes game lands).

Muzzleloading Firearm Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may be taken during the last day of the muzzleloading firearm deer season in and west of Henderson, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties (includes game lands).
- Deer of either sex may be taken anytime during the muzzleloading firearm deer season in and east of Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe counties (includes game lands).

Gun Either-Sex Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may only be taken during the gun season during those dates indicated. Most gun either-sex seasons fall under one of the following four categories in North Carolina:
 - Maximum: Either-sex harvest is allowed the entire gun season.
 - Moderate: Either-sex harvest is allowed the first six open days and the last six open days of the regular gun season.
 - Conservative: Either-sex harvest is allowed the last six open days of the regular gun season.
 - Introductory: Either-sex harvest is allowed the last open day of the regular gun season.

Urban Archery Season

Bow-and-Arrow only: Jan. 15 – Feb. 19, 2011

Hunting during the Urban Archery Season is allowed ONLY in participating municipalities. Hunters may contact the following municipalities about hunting opportunities::

Cleveland	(704) 278-4777
Concord	(704) 920-5007; www.ci.concord.nc.us
Elkin	(336) 835-9800
Fairview	www.fairviewnc.gov
Jefferson	(336) 846-9368
Kannapolis	www.cityofkannapolis.com
Kill Devil Hills	(252) 441-2525
Locust	www.locustnc.com
Midland	(704) 888-2232; www.townofmidland.us
Mooresboro	(704) 434-5666
Nags Head	(252) 441-2525
Oak Ridge	(336) 644-7009
Pleasant Garden	(336) 674-3002
Pittsboro	(919) 542-4621
Randleman	(336) 495-7500
Richfield	(704) 463-1154
Sanford	(919) 775-8202
Smithfield	(919) 989-1076
Stanfield	www.stanfieldnc.com
Stokesdale	(336) 643-4011
Summerfield	(336) 643-8655
Town of Pleasant Garden	(336) 674-3002
Unionville	www.unionvillenc.com
Valdese	(828) 879-2102
Waxhaw	www.waxhaw.com
Wentworth	(336) 342-6288

The Urban Archery Season is available for cities, towns and villages that submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1 of each year a letter of intent to participate in the season. A map clearly defining the area included in the season should also accompany the letter of intent. Interested municipalities should call the Division of Wildlife Management (919) 707-0050 and request to be contacted by a district wildlife biologist. Following is additional information and restrictions pertaining to the Urban Archery Season:

- Deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season must be registered via telephone (800) I GOT ONE or online at www.ncwildlife.org. Deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season shall not be registered with a wildlife cooperator agent.
- Season bag limits, as well as possession limits, for both antlerless and antlered deer, including Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards, that apply to the general bow-and-arrow, muzzleloader, and gun deer seasons also apply to the Urban Archery Season.
- Deer of either sex may be harvested in participating areas during the Urban Archery Season. Hunters harvesting an adult buck that has dropped its antlers should validate the kill and insert the harvest authorization number on an authorization space specified for an antlerless deer on the hunter's Big Game Hunting License or Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Card. However, note that the telephone and Internet reporting systems will capture such harvests as adult bucks.
- Hunters wishing to hunt in an area participating in the Urban Archery Season should call the participating municipality or visit its website to obtain a map showing lawful areas to hunt and additional information on specific restrictions that may apply to each area.
- The Urban Archery Season does not obligate private landowners to allow hunting on their property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement for obtaining permission from the landowner before hunting. Hunters are legally required to obtain written permission to hunt on posted property.

WILD BOAR

WILD BOAR SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Possession limit 1; Season limit 2

In the following counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain

Sept. 13, 2010 – Feb. 28, 2011

In the other 94 counties of the state, feral hogs are not considered to be wild boars, and the Commission does not regulate them.

During the open deer bow-and-arrow season, muzzleloader season, gun season and any small game season, ONLY weapons legal for that season may be used to take wild boar.

Restrictions It is unlawful to:

- Take wild boar with the use or aid of bait, which includes any salt, salt lick, grain, fruit, honey, sugar-based material or substance, animal parts or animal products.
- Use dogs to hunt wild boar outside of the open bear season.
- Use dogs to hunt wild boar at any time on bear sanctuaries.

Nonresidents hunting boar must possess a Bear/Wild Boar Hunting License. (See page 5 of this Digest.)

WILD TURKEY

WILD TURKEY SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Possession limit 2

Annual limit 2

Youth Day (male or bearded turkey only): April 2, 2011

Turkey hunting by youth on this day is allowed statewide, but some game lands will require a permit. See Game Lands section. Each youth hunting during this season must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years of age ("Youth" means

a person less than 16 years of age). The adult may accompany only one youth during any particular hunt and the adult may NOT harvest a turkey. Only one weapon is allowed per youth hunter. Each youth must have a Big Game Harvest Report Card for License-Exempt Hunters and report harvests according to instructions in this Digest.

Statewide Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)

April 9 – May 7, 2011

Note: For information on permit hunts for select Game Lands, refer to the Game Lands section.

Restrictions It is unlawful to:

- Use dogs during the spring wild turkey season.
- Use pistols, rifles or muzzleloading rifles to hunt wild turkey.
- Possess live wild turkeys or live birds that are indistinguishable from wild turkeys.
- Take wild turkeys from an area in which bait has been placed. (An area is considered baited until 10 days after the bait has been consumed or otherwise removed.)

BIG GAME HARVEST AND REPORTING

Upon harvesting a bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey, and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the successful hunter must validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card, furnished with the big game hunting license, by cutting or punching out the validation marking that correctly identifies the big game animal harvested. Wild boar are only recognized and required to be reported in the following counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain. Instructions in this section also apply to the Bonus Antlerless Report Card.

Registering and Reporting a Harvest The hunter must register any harvested bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey within 24 hours of the harvest and before it is skinned, dressed or dismembered.

- Harvest ID. The Big Game Harvest Report Card now includes a 9 digit Harvest ID # next to the name of the animal, below the authorization line. Hunters must locate the number next to the animal they want to register and be prepared to repeat this number to a cooperater agent, to the telephone reporting system or to type it in when reporting harvests online. Hunters who obtain their license and big game privilege by phone will be given the Harvest ID numbers during the call. When the harvest report card arrives in the mail, the hunter must immediately record the authorization number on the line above the Harvest ID number he or she used when reporting the harvest.
- Bear and deer (except those harvested during the Urban Archery Season) and wild boar may be registered in one of three ways:
 1. By transporting the big game animal to a wildlife cooperater agent within the immediate area where hunting.
 2. By calling in the registration through the toll-free big game reporting system, (800) I-GOT-ONE (800-446-8663). A touch-tone telephone is required. Have a pencil or pen and the Big Game Harvest Report Card when you call.
 3. By using the Internet to register the harvest online at www.ncwildlife.org
- Wild turkeys, wild boar and deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season can only be registered by using either the toll-free telephone or the Internet big game reporting system.
- Hunters should report each harvest only ONCE. For example, if you have reported your harvest over the telephone, you should not also register your harvest with a cooperater agent or on the Internet.
- Big game animals may be field dressed before being registered. Field dressing includes bleeding and removal of digestive, res-

piratory and circulatory organs, but the hunter may not mutilate the carcass in a manner that obscures the identity, age or sex.

- When a kill occurs in a remote area that prevents the animal from being transported as an entire carcass, the animal may be skinned and quartered before being registered.
- When a hunter harvests an animal in a remote area and plans to remain in the area for longer than a day, the 24-hour time is extended until the hunter leaves the area; however the hunter must immediately register the animal upon leaving the remote area.

Recording the Authorization Number When a successful hunter registers a big game harvest, the hunter will be issued an authorization number for the animal. The hunter shall then record the authorization number in the space provided, immediately adjacent to the validation mark that has been cut or punched out on the Big Game Harvest Report Card. This record shall thereafter constitute the authorization for continued possession of the carcass. It shall be unlawful for a person to possess a Big Game Harvest Report Card on which the species validation mark has been cut or punched out, but on which the authorization number has not been recorded, unless the animal is in the person's possession.

Registering an Unattended Kill Persons killing a big game animal and leaving it unattended must identify the carcass with their name, hunting license number and date of kill. Once an unattended animal is registered, it need only be identified with the authorization number.

Reporting for License-Exempt Hunters Persons who are by law exempt from the Big Game Hunting License requirement shall obtain a License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card from a wildlife service agent at no cost. Upon harvesting a bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey, the exempt person shall validate the License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Record Card and report the big game kill to a wildlife cooperater agent, by telephone or by the Internet.

Deer Management Assistance Program Reporting Persons harvesting deer under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) shall follow the tagging and reporting requirements described in the instructions they have received as a participant in the DMAP. Antlered buck harvests must be reported following standard registration procedures using the hunter's Big Game Harvest Report Card. Antlerless deer harvests shall be reported on the Big Game Record sheets provided to each DMAP participant. The Harvest Identification Number will consist of the applicant's WRC Customer Number followed by the DMAP identifying number "18" (e.g. 1234567 18). DMAP harvest authorization numbers for antlerless deer should not be recorded on the applicant's Big Game Harvest Report Card. However, authorization numbers for DMAP antlerless harvests should be recorded on a separate sheet of paper and maintained by the hunter.

SMALL GAME AND OTHER SEASONS

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

Oct. 18 (at sunrise) – Feb. 28

Opossum: No bag limits

Raccoon daily limit 3: No possession or season limits

Exceptions: These portions of the following counties are closed to raccoon and opossum hunting:

Haywood: Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear Sanctuaries

General Restrictions

- Field possession limit while hunting is the same as the daily bag limit. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's vehicle, hunting camp or residence.

- Axes and saws may not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.
- It is unlawful to shoot raccoon during the daytime, west of U.S. 1, except in Richmond County.
- It is unlawful to carry firearms or climbing irons when training dogs during closed seasons, except under special field-trial regulations.

SQUIRREL

Gray and Red (statewide): **Oct. 18 – Feb. 28**

Daily limit 8; No possession or season limits

Fox Squirrel: Oct. 18 – Dec. 31

Daily limit 1; Possession 2; Season 10

In the following counties:

Anson	Duplin	Jones	Pitt
Alleghany	Edgecombe	Lenoir	Richmond
Ashe	Greene	Moore	Sampson
Bladen	Harnett	New Hanover	Scotland
Brunswick	Hoke	Onslow	Wayne
Cumberland	Johnston	Pender	

RABBIT

Nov. 20 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 5; No possession or season limits

Box-Trapping Season:

Nov. 20 – Feb. 28

QUAIL

Nov. 20 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 6; Possession 12; Season, no limit

GROUSE

Oct. 18 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 3; Possession 6; Season 30

BOBCAT

Oct. 18 – Feb. 28

No limits

Exceptions: the bobcat season is closed in Haywood County on the Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear Sanctuaries.

GROUNDHOG, NUTRIA, COYOTE AND SKUNK (striped) AND ARMADILLO

There is no closed season or bag limit.

PHEASANT

Nov. 20 – Feb. 1 (male pheasant only)

Daily limit 3; Possession 6; Season 30

FOX

Nov. 20 – Jan. 1

Daily limit 2; Season 10

This season applies as follows:

- In those counties and parts of counties east of I-77 where local laws do not prohibit the taking of foxes or that do not have established fox seasons (see page 72 for local laws).
- Foxes taken during this hunting season shall not be bought or sold.
- In Caldwell and Mitchell counties, foxes may be taken by firearms or bow and arrow only.

Jan. 1 – 22

Daily limit 2; Season 10

- Foxes may be taken in the counties, listed below by legal weapons and may be sold after being properly tagged (refer to page 8 for more information on fox tags):

Caswell	Henderson
Clay	Macon
Graham	Tyrrell

- Hunters must possess fox tags prior to harvesting foxes during this season.

Year Round

Must be taken with dogs only; no limits.

There is no open weapons hunting season in any other county except where provided by local laws. To see if your county has a hunting season on foxes, see page 72 of this Digest and the hunting page on www.ncwildlife.org. Click on “Fox Season Hunting and Trapping Laws.”

EXTENDED SEASON FOR TAKE BY FALCONRY

Oct. 18 – Feb. 28 (Applies only to red and gray squirrels and rabbits)

Outside of Regular Season Dates:

Squirrels: Daily limit 4; Possession limit 8

Rabbits: Daily limit 3; Possession limit 6

Regular species bag limits apply during regular seasons.

BEAVER

There is an open season for taking beaver with firearms or bow and arrow during any open season for the taking of wild animals, provided that permission has been obtained from the owner or lessee of the land on which the beaver is being taken.

CONTROLLED HUNTING PRESERVES

Oct. 1 – Mar. 31

No limits.

This applies to domestically raised birds (mallard ducks and upland game birds) only.

No wild turkey may be taken.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Migratory Birds Protected Federal laws protecting migratory birds (songbirds, woodpeckers, raptors or waterfowl) take precedence over state laws. Before any migratory birds may be taken or killed during the closed season, a federal permit must be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Substantial penalties for violations apply. Call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Permits Section in Atlanta, Ga. at (404) 679-7070 for information. Federal seasons and bag limits on migratory game birds are adopted as state regulations.

Colonial Water Bird Nesting Areas Coastal islands and beach areas posted as “Colonial Water Bird Nesting” areas are being managed for our nesting populations of pelicans, terns, gulls, herons and egrets. Special regulations apply. Access is prohibited on these areas from April 1–Aug. 31, except by special permit. Dogs are not allowed on these areas during this time period. Access on these areas from Sept. 1–March 30 will be allowed as authorized by the landowner.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS – HUNTING STAMPS AND PRIVILEGES

Harvest Information Program (HIP) All licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds (dove, rails, woodcock, snipe or waterfowl) in North Carolina are required to have certification of participation in the federal Harvest Information Program (HIP). Certification can be obtained free of charge by going online at www.ncwildlife.org, calling (888) 248-6834, or visiting a wildlife service agent.

Migratory Bird Hunting And Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older, must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or federal duck stamp, signed in ink across the face. (Hunters under age 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl.) Refer to page 3 for more information.

North Carolina Waterfowl Privilege Each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a license having the North Carolina Waterfowl Privilege. The North Carolina Waterfowl Privilege is required in addition to the federal duck stamp. Refer to the “License Types” section on page 3 of this digest for information on which licenses include this privilege license.

North Carolina Duck Stamp Hunters are no longer required to carry the North Carolina duck stamp while hunting for waterfowl; however, the current year’s duck stamp will be available for collecting purposes; call (888) 248-6834 for more information.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS – SEASONS

Nongame Migratory

CROW SEASONS

Season	Bag Limits
Aug 1., 2010 to Feb. 28, 2011–Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week plus Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.	No restriction
June 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011–Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week plus Independence Day.	

Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Dates, bag limits and shooting hours for doves, other webless migratory game birds and resident Canada geese will be available by Aug. 1. Dates, bag limits and shooting hours for waterfowl will be available by Sept. 1. To obtain information on these dates, bag limits and shooting hours, call the following toll-free number: (800) 675-0263, or see our Website at <http://www.ncwildlife.org>. Wildlife service agents will receive posters containing this information, and the information also will be distributed through local news media.

Youth Waterfowl Day Waterfowl hunting outside of the regular season is allowed on the day officially designated as “Youth Waterfowl Day.” Youths must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult at least 18 years of age. Legal species include ducks, geese, tundra swans, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules and coots. The accompanying adult may not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons open on Youth Waterfowl Day. Call (800) 675-0263 after Sept. 1 for the date. Canada goose bag limits and any additional restrictions on Youth Waterfowl Day vary by the applicable hunt zone. See the Canada Goose Hunt Zone section for information about the Northeast Goose Hunt Zone. Any youth harvesting a tundra swan must have a valid swan permit.

WATERFOWL

TUNDRA SWAN

A limited number of permits will be issued to hunt tundra swans. Permits will be issued by a random drawing authorizing each permit holder to harvest one tundra swan. The following regulations apply:

- The permit and tag are not transferable and are valid only for the person whose name appears on the permit. It is unlawful to

possess a swan permit or tag while hunting that was assigned to another person, or to alter the permit or tag in any way other than cutting out the proper month and day of kill.

- The permit must be canceled by cutting out both the month and day of the kill immediately at the time and place of the kill.
 - The permit must be affixed to the harvested swan in accordance with instructions provided with the permit.
 - The permit must be carried on one’s person while hunting or, if in possession of a swan, the permit must be affixed to the swan.
- Every hunter receiving a swan permit will also receive a questionnaire. If the hunter does not return that completed questionnaire to the Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1, that hunter will be ineligible for a tundra swan permit the following season. See the Wildlife Resources Commission’s *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication for instructions on obtaining a swan permit.

SPECIAL SEA DUCK AREA

The taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider and oldsquaw), except during the regular duck season, shall be limited to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and to those coastal waters south of U.S. 64 that are separated by a distance of at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island or marsh. Special sea duck bag limits and seasons apply in these areas. During the regular season, this bag limit may be in addition to the limits applying to other ducks. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks, and they must be included in the regular duck season daily bag and possession limits.

SEPTEMBER TEAL ZONE

That area located east of U.S. 17 is designated as the “September Teal Zone.” Teal seasons occurring prior to Oct. 1 apply to this area only.

CANADA GOOSE HUNT ZONES

The state is divided into Canada goose hunt zones. See the map on page 53 for zone descriptions. For the hunt dates, bag limits or other restrictions that may apply in each zone, please call (800) 675-0263 after Sept. 1, or visit our website at www.ncwildlife.org.

As with other migratory game birds, it is unlawful to hunt or possess Canada geese without having HIP certification as well as other applicable state and federal licenses and stamps in your possession.

GADDY GOOSE REFUGE

It is unlawful to harass or take any Canada goose during established goose hunting seasons that occur after Oct. 1 each year in the Gaddy Goose Refuge in Anson County. The Gaddy Goose Refuge is that area in Anson County starting at the N.C. 109 bridge over the Pee Dee River and following N.C. 109 south to SR 1650; west on S.R. 1650 to S.R. 1649; west on S.R. 1649 to U.S. 52; south on U.S. 52 to S.R. 1652; west on S.R. 1652 to S.R. 1641; west on S.R. 1641 to N.C. 742; northwest on N.C. 742 to Lanes Creek; north along Lanes Creek to the Rocky River; downstream on the Rocky River to the Pee Dee River; and downstream along the Pee Dee River to the beginning of the N.C. 109 bridge.

Nontoxic Shot Requirements In North Carolina, no person shall take waterfowl while possessing shells loaded with any shot other than steel or other approved nontoxic materials. On posted waterfowl impoundments on game lands, it is unlawful to hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting; except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Nontoxic shot is required for the taking of captive-reared mallards on shooting preserves, in field trials and during bona fide dog training activities.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds. **No persons shall take migratory game birds:**

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. This restriction does not apply during dates states have selected under the Conservation Order for light geese (i.e. greater and lesser snow and Ross's geese) or those selected for the control of resident Canada geese.
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress there from has ceased;
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;
- By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. This restriction does not apply during dates states have selected under the Conservation Order for light geese (i.e. greater and lesser snow and Ross's geese) or those selected for the control of resident Canada geese.
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;
- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

It is legal to take migratory game birds including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:

- Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, **except waterfowl, coots and cranes**, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

Wanton Waste of Migratory Game Birds No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Non-toxic Shot No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), swans or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see (http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm)

Opening Day of a Season No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

Field Possession Limit No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Tagging Requirement No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Custody of Birds of Another No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Termination of Possession Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

Gift of Migratory Game Birds No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

Transportation of Birds of Another No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Species Identification Requirement No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one

fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Marking Package or Container No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) that is validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges opened to public hunting. For additional information on refuge-specific regulations see <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/>

DEFINITIONS

Migratory Birds are birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties signed with other countries. Protected migratory birds are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section. 10.13. This list includes almost all birds found in the United States with the exception of the house sparrow, feral pigeon (commonly called rock dove), European starling, Eurasian collared-dove, mute swan, and upland game birds (which are protected by state laws).

All migratory birds are protected. However, a subset of migratory birds classified as migratory game birds may be hunted in accordance with State and Federal regulations. The list of migratory game birds includes species of ducks, geese (including brant), swans, doves and pigeons, cranes, rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens, woodcock and snipe, if there is an open season.

Daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

Aggregate daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

Possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

Aggregate possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species taken in the United States permitted to be possessed by any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed. The aggregate possession limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the species or specified geographic areas in which taking and possession occurs.

Personal abode means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

Migratory bird preservation facility means:

- (1) Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or
- (2) Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or
- (3) Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations; receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal agricultural operation means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal soil stabilization practice means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

Baited area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for 10 days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

Natural vegetation means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.



Tips for the Hunting Mentor

Mentor a new hunter the traditional way. Invite someone new to hunting on your next hunting trip. Here are some helpful tips:

- **Focus on the new hunter's needs first:** Remember your first hunt and the overwhelming newness of it all? Explain, share, and provide guidance by spending time together on stand.
- **Be safe, legal and sure:** Discuss safe gun handling and tree stand safety, periodically review hunting regulations and stress the importance of properly identifying game before shooting.
- **Limit expectations:** Understand that the new hunter does not have your knowledge and experience.
- **Easy does it:** For the sake of the beginner, make initial outings enjoyable and relaxed.
- **Fits and starts:** Be sure new hunters have clothing and equipment that fit the part from the start.
- **Commit to comfort:** No matter what the outdoor conditions, take steps to make sure the new hunter remains comfortable.
- **Full tank:** Start the day with breakfast and bring plenty of snacks and water, especially for young hunters.

“Hats On” Mentoring Campaign

Pledge to mentor someone new to hunting during the 2010 hunting season and receive a FREE Hunting Heritage Program hat and bumper sticker.

For more information about the “Hats On” Mentoring Campaign, including registration requirements, go to www.ncwildlife.org/huntingmatters.

The campaign ends Nov. 1, 2010 or when the limited supply of hats and bumper stickers are exhausted. Please allow a minimum of 4–8 weeks for hat and bumper sticker delivery.

Registered mentors completing our post-campaign survey (early 2011) are automatically entered in a drawing for a FREE State Comprehensive Lifetime Hunting License donated by the Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow (CLFT) Program. The drawing will be held in Spring 2011.



THE PLEDGE

“I hereby pledge to make a good faith effort to introduce someone new to hunting (youth or adult) during the coming hunting season as my contribution to preserving our hunting heritage.”

Do your part and become a Hunting Mentor!



Tips for the New Hunter

Every hunter was a new hunter at one time and, although becoming a new hunter can seem overwhelming at first, the process is much easier if you follow a few simple steps:

- **Be involved:** Turn your questions into answers by listening to and learning from your hunting mentor. Continue to be involved through networking within the hunting culture, such as visiting a local shooting organization in your area. A list of 81 public and private shooting organizations is available on the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission's website at www.ncwildlife.org.
- **Be prepared:** Every new hunter should understand basic firearm and tree stand safety, the importance of hunting regulations, and the need to properly identify the target before shooting. Sign up for a free hunter education course at www.ncwildlife.org.
- **Be on time:** Hunting involves a distinct timeline and, although not always critical, should be adhered to. Avoid making your mentor wait for you due to lack of preparedness on your part.
- **Be polite:** When provided with an opportunity to go hunting, always remain respectful to your mentor. It could mean the difference between gaining a new hunting companion or a one-time-only outing.
- **Be proactive:** Some of the greatest rewards and accomplishments from hunting are achieved through continually learning about the habitat and species hunted. Satisfaction from hunting does not come solely from pulling the trigger or releasing a bow string. No matter how long they've hunted, no one knows everything about hunting. Becoming a successful hunter is a never ending learning process.
- **Be appreciative:** Keep in mind that mentoring is the ultimate outdoor gift. Showing appreciation for it is welcomed and appreciated. If you can afford it, offer to buy breakfast, lunch, or contribute to fuel costs. Even a simple thank you is always appreciated by the mentor who provides a hunting opportunity.
- **Be ethical:** Responsible hunters abide by two sets of laws. One set is established by government for the protection of resources and people. The other set is based on moral behavior. Always set a good example for other hunters by being law-abiding and ethical both in and out of the field. The future of hunting depends on it.

SCOTT WOOD



RANDY PENNINGTON

Welcome to our North Carolina Hunting Heritage and Good Luck Hunting!

Game Lands Some 2,000,000 acres of public and private lands in North Carolina are managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission for public hunting, trapping and inland fishing. They are designated collectively as "game lands." Hunting on the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission through a joint venture. Additional regulations apply to the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge. **A map book with detailed maps for the game lands may be purchased through the Commission's Wild Store at (866) 945-3746 or www.ncwildstore.com.** Individual maps are also available online free of charge at www.ncwildlife.org.

GAME LANDS LICENSE The Game Lands License is required, in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping license, to hunt, trap, train dogs or participate in field trials on any game land. (The Game Lands License is included with some lifetime or sportsman's licenses.) A special permit may be required for some species on these areas. On field trials scheduled on game lands by the Wildlife Resources Commission, nonresidents in possession of hunting licenses from their own states and persons serving as judges, handlers, scouts or owners may participate without the license. Persons who are observing only at field trials do not need to have any license.

Hunting Seasons

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular game land, game animal and game bird seasons are the same as the private land surrounding the game land. For animals with no closed season (groundhogs, skunk, coyote, feral hogs, armadillo, etc.) hunting is allowed ONLY when another game animal or game bird is in season.

GAME LANDS RESTRICTIONS

Waterfowl Hunting

- On posted waterfowl impoundments, it is unlawful on the legal hunting days for hunters to be within the posted impoundment area before 4 a.m., and hunting is prohibited after 1 p.m.; decoys may not be set out prior to 4 a.m. and must be removed by 3 p.m. each day.
- Waterfowl blinds may be constructed on most game lands; however, they become public property and can be used by anyone on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Blinds on areas not owned by the state must be removed after the hunting season; and on some game lands, the property owners may prohibit construction of permanent hunting blinds by posting a sign at the entrances stating such restrictions.
- It is unlawful to hunt in or within 100 yards of a designated Disabled Sportsman's Waterfowl Blind during the waterfowl season, except by a disabled access permitholder and his or her permitted companion or holders of applicable disabled waterfowl hunt permits.
- It is unlawful to hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to operate internal combustion engine-powered vessels or vehicles on posted waterfowl impoundments.
- If a waterfowl impoundment has a posted scouting-only zone, all activities except hunting and trapping are restricted to that zone from Nov. 1 to March 15.

Vehicle Usage

- Driving a motorized vehicle licensed for highway use is allowed only on those roads constructed, maintained and open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular use. This does not apply to participants in scheduled bird dog field trials held on the Sandhills Game Land.
- Operation of any motorized land vehicle, including ATVs, **not licensed for highway use** is prohibited, except as otherwise expressly allowed. This does not apply to those areas specifically designated in national forests for unlicensed vehicle use.
- On those game lands or parts thereof specifically listed under the Disabled Access Program (page 64), **persons holding a Disabled Veteran or Totally Disabled License, a Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification, or a Disabled Access Permit** may operate vehicles, including ATVs on:
 - any Wildlife Resources Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel
 - those trails posted for vehicular travel
 - ungated and open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic.
- It is unlawful to block traffic or gates or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

Weapons

- It is unlawful to discharge any weapon:
 - from a vehicle,
 - within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands,
 - within 150 yards of any game lands building or game lands camping area (unless otherwise posted).
 The 150-yard provision of this rule does not apply to the use of archery equipment on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands.
- During the big game turkey season, only shotguns and archery equipment may be possessed on game lands.
- During closed seasons and closed hunting days on game birds (waterfowl, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, gallinules, moorhens, coots, grouse, pheasant, quail, turkey) and game animals (deer, bear, fox, rabbits, squirrels, boar, bobcats, opossum, raccoon), it is unlawful to possess any firearm or bow and arrow readily available for use. During that time in which fox season is the only open season for a game animal, it is also unlawful to possess these weapons. The following exceptions, however, should be noted:
 - Possession is allowed on field-trial and designated target shooting areas and in camping areas for defense of person or property.
 - 22-caliber pistols with barrels, not greater than 7.5 inches in length and shooting only short, long or long rifle ammunition, may be carried as side arms on game lands at any time, except by hunters during the special bow-and-arrow and muzzle-loading firearms deer hunting season and on any game lands with regulations that prohibit the possession of handguns.
 - Individuals training dogs during closed season without field-trial authorization are prohibited from carrying any weapon.
 - A bow and fishing arrows may be possessed when used as a licensed special fishing device in those waters, where such use is authorized.

Training or Hunting with Dogs

- Except for authorized field trials, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed from April 1 through Aug. 15 on any game land located west of I-95 and from March 15 through June 15 east of I-95.
- Dogs also may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during daylight hours on dates when special hunts are scheduled for the Disabled Sportsman Program hunts on these game lands. Additional restrictions apply to some bear sanctuaries and game lands.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or allow dogs to run unleashed on bear sanctuaries in and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties from March 1 to the Monday on or nearest Oct. 15.

Bear Sanctuaries

- It is unlawful to take wild boar on bear sanctuaries, except during the bow season, muzzleloading season, deer gun season and any small game season, but hunters are restricted to the weapons and manner of take legal for that particular season.
- On bear sanctuaries, bear may not be taken and dogs may not be used to take wild boar.
- Dogs may not be used to pursue bear, except during permit hunts that allow hunting bear with dogs.

Posted Zones on Game Lands

- Safety Zone – unlawful to hunt or discharge a weapon. Falconry is allowed.
- Restricted Zone – no entry without a permit.
- Temporary Restricted Zone – no entry without a permit.
- Archery Zone – bow-and-arrow hunting and falconry only. On such areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable open deer season.
- Restricted Firearms Zones – unlawful to hunt with a centerfire rifle.
- Scouting-only Zone – unlawful to discharge firearms or bow and arrow.

Other Restrictions

- Disabled sportsman blinds are for use by those individuals who possess a Disabled Veteran or Totally Disabled License or a Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification, in addition to a valid hunting license and their able-bodied companions on a first-come basis during non-permit, open hunting days, except for the Restricted Area of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land. During permit hunts, the Commission will designate use of disabled sportsman blinds.
- Use of game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping and fishing is subject to the control of the landowners.
- It is unlawful to release **ANY bird or animal, except hunting dogs and raptors**, on game lands without written authorization from the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.
- It is unlawful to litter or dispose of refuse, except in receptacles provided for the purpose.
- Live wild birds or animals may not be removed.
- It is unlawful to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal by mutilation of the carcass.
- Placing bait on game lands is prohibited without written authorization.

- Game birds or game animals may not be taken with the aid of bait.
- It is unlawful to erect or to occupy for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition shall not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining in or attached to the tree.
- It is unlawful to camp on game lands, except on an area designated by the landowner for camping, or to camp on those U.S. Forest Service lands that have been closed by posted order of the U.S. Forest Service. See the individual game lands listings beginning on page 64 for further restrictions.
- Hunting on Cowan's Ford Waterfowl Refuge is by permit only.
- Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7 a.m. on Thursdays and until midnight on Saturdays on three-day-per-week game lands.
- U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Corps of Engineers regulations prohibit permanent structures (including permanent duck blinds and permanent deer stands) on all lands under their management.
- Hunting Creek Swamp in Davie County and John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County are closed to hunting.
- With the exception of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties, properly licensed hunters may take feral hogs on game lands during the open season for any game animal using any legal manner of take allowed during those open game seasons. Dogs may be used for hunting feral hogs only on those game lands where the use of dogs is allowed for hunting deer or bear and only during the open applicable deer or bear season.
- Public nudity on any game land is prohibited.

Trapping on Game Lands Trapping fur-bearing animals is permitted on game lands during the open seasons and in accordance with the trapping regulations, except on posted "Safety," "Temporary Restricted" and "Restricted" zones and the regulated areas listed below that are closed to trapping:

- John's River Waterfowl Refuge, Burke Co.
- Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Davie Co.
- J. Robert Gordon Sandhills Field Trial Area
- Harmon Den Bear Sanctuary, Pisgah Game Land
- Sherwood Bear Sanctuary, Pisgah Game Land
- Cowan's Ford Waterfowl Refuge, Mecklenburg Co.

Bait may not be used on the national forest lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, U.S. 276 on the north and east, and N.C. 215 on the west.

Trespassing on Game Lands Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping and fishing is subject to the control of the landowners. Written permission of the owner is required to remove any plant or other materials.

Youth Waterfowl Day No special permit will be required for youth to hunt waterfowl on any game land or game land impoundment, including permit-only areas the day officially designated as "Youth Waterfowl Day," unless specified for an individual game land that waterfowl hunting on Youth Waterfowl Day is by permit only.

Waterfowl Management Areas On those areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for either waterfowl restoration or waterfowl resting and feeding, and posted as waterfowl management areas, it is unlawful to hunt or harass waterfowl.

Field-Trial Facilities Field trials may be scheduled on the J. Robert Gordon Sandhills “Field Trial Area” and the Laurinburg “Fox-Trial Facility” by application in advance, accompanied by the appropriate facility use fee. No person or group shall use these facilities without having obtained specific written approval from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

Shooting Ranges Shooting ranges on state-owned game lands are open from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Saturday, for the purpose of firearm marksmanship and development of shooting skills. All shooting-range users shall abide by the game lands restrictions and handle firearms and archery equipment in a safe manner. They also shall obey all regulations posted at the range. Additional restrictions:

- No use of glass targets.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased in transport to and from the shooting range.
- No intentional shooting into a target holder or other permanent structure.
- No shooting at targets off the range.

Currently the Commission has one shooting range, the Wayne E. Smith Shooting Range, located at the Cold Mountain Game Land.

DISABLED ACCESS PROGRAM

Disabled Access Permit A Disabled Access Permit allows persons with limited physical mobility to operate vehicles, including ATVs, on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel, those trails posted for vehicular travel and on open-gated or ungated roads, otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands listed in the Disabled Access Program and to have access to special disabled hunting blinds. It does not authorize operation of vehicles on closed roads on game lands not listed in the Disabled Access Program. The disabled hunter will be issued a companion and vehicle access card. One able-bodied companion may accompany the disabled hunter, provided that person possesses the companion card. This permit is valid as long as the qualifying disability persists. There is no fee associated with this permit. Refer to the “Disabled Sportsman Information” section on page 11 for qualification and application information.

NOTE: Disabled individuals, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may use a wheelchair or other mobility device designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed on properties owned or controlled by the Commission.

Areas Involved Vehicular access under this permit is provided on the following game lands: *(Additional access may be provided on some U.S. Forest Service-owned game lands. Those areas are not listed below, but details may be obtained by contacting the local ranger station for the district in which you wish to hunt.)*

- Bertie
- Bladen Lakes
- Butner-Falls of Neuse (waterfowl blind for disabled hunters only)
- R. Wayne Bailey – Caswell
- Goose Creek (waterfowl blind for disabled hunters only)
- Holly Shelter
- Roanoke River Wetlands
- Sandhills
- Suggs Mill Pond
- Tillery
- Thurmond Chatham

See current Game Lands Map Book online for details and disabled access locations.

Currently there is a waterfowl blind for the disabled on the Spring Creek Impoundment of Goose Creek Game Land and on the Beaver Dam Impoundment of Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land. A disabled access permit is required. On permitted days on Spring Creek and on the Beaver Dam Impoundment, users must apply through the Permit Hunting Opportunities Program.

Disabled Sportsman Permit Hunt Program All of the hunts the Commission offers to the disabled sportsman require permits. Information about qualifications required for these hunts and available disabled blinds can be found in the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication.

EITHER-SEX SEASONS AND OTHER RULES APPLYING TO INDIVIDUAL GAME LANDS

Each game land falls into one of four categories and is so designated in the individual game lands listings. A special permit may be required for some species on any of these areas (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication). The four designations are as follows:

- **Six-day-per-week areas:** Game lands on which any game may be taken during the open seasons.
- **Three-day-per-week areas:** Game lands on which any game may be hunted unless otherwise noted. Open days are Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. days. These areas are closed to hunting on other days of the week, unless specifically opened under the individual game lands listings.
- **Dove-only areas:** Game lands on which doves may be hunted by game lands license-holders on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s days during open dove seasons. On these dove areas, dove hunters must possess a game lands license. Other hunting activities, regardless of the day of the week, are controlled by the landowner or his agent.
- **Permit-only areas:** Game lands on which a special permit is required to hunt or trap. To apply for any special permits in the listings below, see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication.
- **Falconry on Game Lands:** Within established hunting seasons and on open hunting days, falconry is allowed on Archery and Safety Zones in game lands.

Alcoa Game Land – Davie, Davidson, Montgomery, Rowan and Stanly counties (8,372 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 in that portion in Montgomery County (moderate season); **Nov. 20 – Jan. 1** in that portion in Davie County and Nov. 13 – Jan. 1 in that portion in Davidson, Rowan and Stanly counties (maximum season).

Alligator River Game Land – Tyrrell County (13,877 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November Bear Season and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December season.

Angola Bay Game Land – Duplin and Pender counties (24,483 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Bachelor Bay Game Land – Bertie, Martin and Washington counties (4,470 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Bertie County Game Land – Bertie County (4,090 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land – Bladen County (33,047 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Handguns shall not be carried and, except for muzzleloaders, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used or possessed.
- On the Singletary Tract, deer and bear may be taken only by still hunting.
- Turkey hunting on the Singletary Tract is by special permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

Brinkleyville Game Land – Halifax County (1,819 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

Brunswick County Game Land – Brunswick County (1,139 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- **Hunting deer with dogs is prohibited.**

Buckhorn Game Land – Orange County (500 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

Buckridge Game Land – Tyrrell County (18,194 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)

- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November Bear Season and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December Bear Season.

Buffalo Cove Game Land – Caldwell and Wilkes counties (6,575 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Deer Season: Nov. 22 – Dec. 11 in all portions of the game land
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season) in all portions of the game land.
- Muzzleloader season: **Oct. 4 – Oct. 16** in all portions of the game land.
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: **Sept. 13 – Oct. 2** and Oct. 18 – Nov. 20 in all portions of the game land.
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 through May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve – Robeson County (300 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 27 and Dec. 20 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

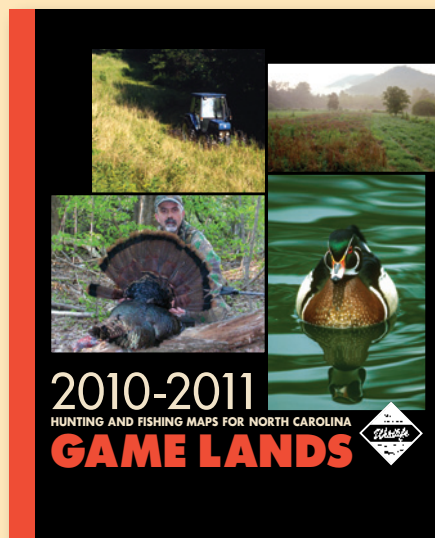
Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – Durham, Granville and Wake counties (41,115 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Christmas, Martin Luther King Jr and New Year's days, and on opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons. On the posted waterfowl impoundments, a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after Nov. 1.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply), except on those areas posted as Archery Zones.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of N.C. 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- Except while hunting, bicycle riding is restricted to designated areas.

HUNTING AND FISHING MAPS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

GAME LANDS

- ◆ The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission no longer provides a free copy of the full color version of the *Game Lands Map Book*.
- ◆ To better serve the public, our website (www.ncwildlife.org) now provides interactive, updated maps, including a searchable Game Lands database.
- ◆ You can buy the map book online through the Wild Store at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling (866) 945-3746.



Buxton Woods Game Land – Dare County (956 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (conservative season)

Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land – Pender County (5,281 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only on the Roan Island Tract (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- On the Canetuck Tract, hunting deer and bear with dogs is prohibited.

Carteret County Game Land – Carteret County (1,936 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season)
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land – Caswell County (17,788 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Dec. 20 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year, except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to engaging in horseback riding on this area.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- The area posted with signs stating “CURE Wildlife Game Lands, Special Regulations Apply” and encompassed by the following roads is **open by permit ONLY** to all quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on N.C. 62 to the intersection of S.R. 1746, west on S.R. 1746 to the intersection of S.R. 1156, south on S.R. 1156 to the intersection of S.R. 1783, east on S.R. 1783 to the intersection of N.C. 62, north on N.C. 62 to the intersection of S.R. 1736, east on S.R. 1736 to the intersection of S.R. 1730, east on S.R. 1730 to N.C. 86, north on N.C. 86 to N.C. 62.
- On the posted waterfowl impoundments, a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after Nov. 1.

Catawba Game Land – Catawba County (1,098 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Jan. 1** (introductory season).
- Deer may be taken with bow and arrow only from the tract known as Molly’s Backbone.

Chatham Game Land – Chatham County (2,794 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only during June, July and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year, except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Cherokee Game Land – Ashe County (327 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Dec. 27 – Jan. 1** (conservative season).

Chowan Game Land – Chowan County (30 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Chowan Swamp Game Land – Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties (27,516 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November segment of the bear season and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December segment, **except that on the portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River the bear season is Nov. 6-13 and Dec. 13-25.**
- **Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.**

Cold Mountain Game Land – Haywood County (3,295 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season)
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

Columbus County Game Land – Brunswick and Columbus counties (9,426 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Croatan Game Land – Carteret, Jones and Craven counties (160,724 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- From opening day to the first Saturday of dove season, a permit is needed to hunt on posted areas.

Currituck Banks Game Land – Currituck County (228 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)
- Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound adjacent to these game lands shall be hunted by permit only after Nov. 1. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not possess or use a firearm.
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- Dogs shall be allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted hunters on the day of their hunt.
- No screws, nails or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.

Dare Game Land – Dare and Hyde counties (45,149 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- No hunting on posted parts of bombing range. Selected roads may be closed for military training.
- The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 – June 30.
- Bear hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply) on the Bombing Range Bear Sanctuary.

Dover Bay Game Land – Craven County (3,100 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)

DuPont State Forest Game Land – Henderson and Transylvania counties (10,256 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Training and the use of dogs is prohibited except during scheduled permit hunts.

Elk Knob Game Land – Ashe and Watauga counties (728 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Dec. 27 – Jan. 1** (conservative season).

Embro Game Land – Halifax and Warren counties (8,892 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

Goose Creek Game Land – Beaufort and Pamlico counties (10,027 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Prior to Oct 1, waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl seasons on the posted impoundments.
- Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on posted waterfowl impoundments.
- Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from Sept. 1 to the end of February and April 1 – May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

Green River Game Land – Henderson and Polk counties (14,308 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season)
- Horseback riding is prohibited. This rule includes all equine species.

Green Swamp Game Land – Brunswick County (15,426 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Gull Rock Game Land – Hyde County (34,346 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- On posted waterfowl impoundments, hunting of any species of wildlife is limited to Tuesdays and Saturdays; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Bear may only be taken Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November segment of the bear season and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December segment, except that portion of the game land designated as bear sanctuary. Bear hunting is prohibited on the bear sanctuary.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

Harris Game Land (formerly Shearon Harris Game Land) – Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties (14,090 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1, except those parts in Wake and Harnett counties where the season is Oct 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate seasons).

- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Holly Shelter Game Land – Pender County (64,743 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed only on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- On the portion of the game land that is north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of N.C. 53 and west of N.C. 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply). Other species may be hunted on this area only during the normal open days for this game land.
- Hunting deer and bear with dogs on the Pender 4 and Greentree impoundment tracts is prohibited.
- Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from Sept. 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit to operate all terrain vehicles are allowed on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access. See the *Game Lands Map Book* or online game land maps for designated trails.

Hyco Game Land – Person County (4,229 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

J. Morgan Futch Game Land – Tyrrell County (600 acres)

- Permit Only Area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

Johns River Game Land – Burke County (3,870 acres)

- Permit Only Area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.

Jordan Game Land – Durham, Chatham, Orange and Wake counties (40,595 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Nov. 13 – Jan. 1, except that part in Wake Co. where the season is Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum seasons).**
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except those areas posted on the American Tobacco Trail.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply), except on those areas posted as Archery Zones.
- Except while hunting, bicycle riding is restricted to designated areas.

Juniper Creek Game Land – Brunswick and Columbus counties (18,624 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- **Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.**

Kerr Scott Game Land – Wilkes County (523 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Either-Sex Deer Season: **Nov. 20 – Jan. 1** (maximum season)
- Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- Use of firearms for hunting deer is prohibited during the Gun Deer Season.
- Tree stands may not be left overnight and no screws, nails, or other objects may be used to aid in climbing or to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- Turkey hunting is archery only.

Lantern Acres Game Land – Tyrrell and Washington counties (1,852 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Dogs may not be used to hunt deer on the Godley Tract.
- Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

Lee Game Lands – Lee County (2,421 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Light Ground Pocosin Game Land – Pamlico County (1,094 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Linwood Game Land – Davidson County (126 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Lower Fishing Creek Game Land – Edgecombe and Halifax counties (1,297 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

Mayo Game Land (formerly Person Game Land) – Person County (7,128 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Waterfowl may be hunted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas and New Year's days; and on opening and closing days, of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Mitchell River Game Land – Allegheny and Surry counties (2,196 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during **Dec. 27 – Jan. 1** (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails. May 16 – Aug. 31. All horseback riding is prohibited. Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

Nantahala Game Land – Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties (528,782 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 in that portion in Transylvania County (introductory season).

Needmore Game Land – Macon and Swain counties (4,442 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule applies to all equine species.

Neuse River Game Land – Craven County (4,372 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

New Lake Game Land – Hyde and Tyrrell counties (1,394 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Nicholson Creek Game Land – Hoke County (1,027 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 13 – Dec. 11
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during **Sept. 13 – Oct. 29**
- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during **Oct. 30 – Nov. 10**
- Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season)
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Swimming and internal combustion engines are prohibited at Lake Upchurch.

North River Game Land – Camden and Currituck counties (19,939 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1. (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only in that portion in Camden Co. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline in Currituck County.
- Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

Northwest River Marsh Game Land – Currituck County (3,045 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.

Pee Dee River Game Land – Anson, Montgomery, Richmond and Stanly counties (6,829 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1, except that part in Richmond Co. where the season is Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate seasons).
- Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties north of U.S. 74.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Perkins Game Land – Davie County (982 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Jan. 1** (introductory season).

Person Game Land – (See Mayo Game Land)

Pisgah Game Land – Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties (505,924 acres)

- Six-day-per week area.

- Gun either-sex season: Dec. 11 (introductory season)
- Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear sanctuaries in Haywood County are closed to hunting raccoon, opossum and wildcat.
- Bear hunting on Mt. Mitchell Bear and Daniel Boone sanctuaries is by permit only.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock tracts (Avery, McDowell and Mitchell counties).

Pungo River Game Land – Hyde County (614 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Rhodes Pond Game Land – Cumberland County (461 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Swimming is prohibited.

Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land – Dare County (1,766 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land – Bertie, Halifax, Martin and Northampton counties (37,757 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails, except those vehicles operated on official Wildlife Resources Commission business or by permit holders.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas. (Camping is allowed anytime within 100 yards of the Roanoke River.)

Robeson Game Land – Robeson County (42 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – 27 and Dec. 20 – Jan. 1 (moderate season)

Rockfish Creek Game Land – Hoke County (2504 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 13 – Dec. 11
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during **Sept. 13 – Oct. 29**

- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during **Oct. 30 – Nov. 10**
- Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season)
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Rocky Run Game Land – Onslow County (395 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Sampson Game Land – Sampson County (2,281 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

Sandhills Game Land – Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties (61,225 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 13 – Dec. 11, except on the field-trial grounds, where the season is the open days during Nov. 15 – 27.
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during **Sept. 13 – Oct. 29**
- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during **Oct. 30 – Nov. 10** (Deer of either sex may be taken on these days).
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: By permit only (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Opossum, raccoon and squirrel (fox and gray) hunting on the field-trial grounds will be allowed on open days during Nov. 15 – 27.
- Rabbit hunting on the field-trial grounds will be allowed on open days during Nov. 20 – 27.
- Dove hunting on the field-trial grounds will be prohibited from the third Sunday in September through the remainder of the hunting season.
- Except for the opossum, raccoon, rabbit, squirrel and deer seasons (including bow and arrow, muzzleloader and gun) specifically indicated above for the field-trial grounds, the field-trial grounds are CLOSED to all hunting during the period of Oct. 22 – March 31. This restriction does not apply to permit hunts offered to disabled sportsman.

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- Horseback riding is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field-Trial Area Oct. 22 – March 31, except by people riding in field trials.
- In addition to the regular open days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Dove hunting on the field-trial grounds will be prohibited from the third Sunday in September through the remainder of the hunting season.
- Dog training is restricted to Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from Oct. 1 – April 1.
- Swimming in lakes is not permitted.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- It is illegal to hunt quail and woodcock and to train dogs on birds on areas posted with signs stating “CURE Wildlife Game Lands, Special Regulations Apply” **without a permit**. All of these posted areas are on that part of the game land east of U.S. 1 in Richmond County or east of S.R. 1001 and west of U.S. 15/501 in Scotland County.
- All of Sandhills Game Land in Moore County is located within the Sandhill Township (See Moore County “local laws” for rifle caliber restrictions and additional restrictions.)

Sandy Creek Game Land – Franklin and Nash Counties (928 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

Sandy Mush Game Land – Buncombe and Madison County (2,679 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- **Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season).**
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.
- Dogs may only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and only during that time period when dog training is allowed on game lands.
- **Dove hunting is by permit only for the first four open days of the dove season (See *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)**

Second Creek Game Land – Rowan County (1,140 acres)

- Permit-only area. (See *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Shearon Harris Game Land – (See Harris Game Land).

Shocco Creek Game Land – Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties (7,957 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

South Mountains Game Land – Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties (21,613 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Deer Season: Nov. 22 – Dec. 11 in all portions of the game land.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season) in all portions of the game land.
- Horseback riding is prohibited, except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from

Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

- That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties is closed to all grouse, quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training.

Stones Creek Game Land – Onslow County (2,978 acres)

- Six day-per-week area.
- Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl season.

Suggs Mill Pond Game Land – Cumberland and Bladen counties (10,838 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- During scheduled permit hunts, only hunters and trappers with permits may enter the game land, EXCEPT the public may use Campground Road to access the pond at the dam.

Sutton Lake Game Land – Brunswick and New Hanover counties (2,607 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Tar River Game Land – Edgecombe County (134 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Three Top Mountain Game Land – Ashe County (2,808 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: **Dec. 27 – Jan. 1** (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited. This includes all equine species.

Thurmond Chatham Game Land – Alleghany and Wilkes counties (6,276 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 20 – 26 and **Dec. 27 – Jan. 1** (moderate season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to horseback riding on this area.

- The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 – Aug. 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.

Tillery Game Land – Halifax County (5,219 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – 22 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

Toxaway Game Land – Jackson and Transylvania counties (11,651 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 11 (introductory season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited, except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

Uwharrie Game Land – Davidson, Montgomery and Randolph counties (50,189 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 13 – 19 and Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

Vance Game Land – Vance County (752 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- The use of dogs, centerfire rifles and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula Tract.

Van Swamp Game Land – Beaufort and Washington counties (5,482 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the November Bear Season and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December Bear Season.

Whitehall Plantation Game Land – Bladen County (1,430 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

White Oak River Game Land – Onslow County (2,507 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 16 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Prior to Oct. 1, waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl hunting seasons on the posted impoundments.
- Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on posted waterfowl impoundments.
- Waterfowl hunting on the Huggins and Morton tracts is by permit only for the entire waterfowl season. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- A hunting opportunity permit is needed to access Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road.
- On the Huggins and Morton tracts, dogs may not be used to hunt deer, there is no discharge of centerfire rifles allowed, AND hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)



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Local Laws Some local county-by-county legislation also pertains to hunting, inland fishing and trapping activities in North Carolina. Following is a county-by-county listing of acts that might not violate the general laws and regulations, but that are prohibited by local legislation passed by the General Assembly. These laws do not reflect actions taken by the 2010 session of the General Assembly.

Note: Local law in Camden, Chowan and Pasquotank counties allows hunting black bear on the Friday and Saturday preceding the start of the season stated on page 44.

LOCAL FOX LAWS

Counties listed in this section have local laws enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly that allow the harvest of foxes under special provisions. For information regarding these laws, visit the hunting or trapping page at www.ncwildlife.org and click on "Fox Season Hunting and Trapping Laws."

- Alamance ● Cleveland ● Hoke ● Pitt
- Anson ● Columbus ● Hyde ● Richmond
- Ashe ● Currituck ● Iredell ● Robeson
- Avery ● Davie ● Johnston ● Rockingham
- Beaufort ● Duplin ● Jones ● Scotland
- Bladen ● Edgecombe ● Lee ● Stanly
- Brunswick ● Franklin ● Lincoln ● Stokes
- Burke ● Gates ● Martin ● Surry
- Caswell ● Granville ● Montgomery ● Tyrrell
- Catawba ● Halifax ● Northampton ● Vance
- Chatham ● Haywood ● Perquimans ● Wilkes
- Chowan ● Henderson ● Person ● Yadkin

The following is unlawful in the counties indicated:

HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Alamance

- Hunt any wildlife with a firearm from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt a deer or fox by use of dogs at any time.
- NOTE: Entrance to private lands to hunt is regulated by local ordinance.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Alexander

- Hunt, take or kill or attempt to hunt, take or kill any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of any public road.

Alleghany

- Discharge a firearm from, on or across a public road without written permission from adjoining landowners.
- Take any game or nongame animal or bird in Sam Brown Park.

Anson

- Unlawful to hunt on another's land without having, on the person, written permission signed and dated by the owner, lessee, or club president (if applicable). Permission is good for one year unless otherwise stated. During the gun deer season, allowing a dog under one's ownership, possession, or control to run upon or across another's land constitutes hunting thereon.
- Hunt on, from or across any public road.
- Hunt deer with dogs; except that dogs may be used to hunt deer during the last five weeks of the Gun Deer Season east of N.C. 742. This is calculated by counting back five weeks from the last day of the gun season.

- Hunt deer with dogs unless the dog has a collar with owner's identification.
- Import and release a fox.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Ashe

- Hunt with a loaded gun or other lethal weapon from the right-of-way of a state-maintained road, or discharge a gun or lethal weapon across any such road.
- Exceed a season bag limit of 20 raccoons.

Avery

- Take any wildlife, except bobcats, on Grandfather Mountain above the Yonahlossee Road (U.S. 221) on one side, or 4,000 feet elevation on the other.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Beaufort

- Hunt migratory wildfowl north of the Pamlico River channel between Broad Creek and Washington City Limits.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Bertie

- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird, or attempt to hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird, with the use of a firearm or bow and arrow from, on, across or over the roadway or right-of-way of any public road, street or highway.
- Discharge a firearm or bow and arrow from, on, across, or over the roadway of any public road, street, or highway, or to possess a firearm or bow and arrow outside the passenger compartment of a vehicle while on the roadway or right-of-way.
- To hunt, fish, or trap on the land of another without the written permission of the landowner or the landowner's lessee. Written permission shall contain complete contact information for the landowner or the landowner's lessee.
- To take deer from any vessel in the Roanoke River, or its tributaries, except for those portions of the river and its tributaries that are adjacent to the border with Washington County whether the vessel is under power or not.

Bladen

- Hunt deer with the aid of a boat or floating device on the Cape Fear River or its tributaries.
- Possess a firearm aboard a motor-propelled vessel on the Cape Fear River during open deer season.
- Hunt any game from a public road adjoining posted land without having in possession written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Hunt, take or kill any bird or animal or to attempt to hunt, take or kill any bird or animal on property adjacent to Bladen Lakes State Forest without written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Hunt, take or kill any bird or animal or attempt to hunt, take or kill any bird or animal on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road adjacent to property adjacent to Bladen Lakes State Forest without written permission of the owner or lessee.

Brunswick

- Set or possess a trap or snare on another's land not under written lease.
- Set a leghold steel trap between March 1 and Jan. 1 or the last day of the deer-hunting season, whichever is later.
- Hunt from the right-of-way of a public road, except by the owner or lessee of the abutting land or by a person with the permission of such owner or lessee.

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Buncombe

- Hunt deer on or from the right-of-way of I-26 or I-40.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Burke

- Hunt from the right-of-way of public roads any bird or animal except bear, without written permission of the owner or lessee of the adjacent land.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Cabarrus

- Take deer with a centerfire rifle, except from a permanent or portable stationary stand at least nine feet above ground level and with the written permission of the landowner or lessee in one's possession.
- Hunt, take or kill with the use of firearms any bird or game animal from, on or across the right-of-way of any numbered highway.
- Discharge a centerfire rifle on the property of another without having in one's possession the written permission of the landowner or lessee.

Caldwell

- Take any wildlife, except bobcats, on Grandfather Mountain above the Yonahlossee Road (U.S. 221).
- Buy or sell a dead fox, fox pelt or other part thereof.
- Hunt from the right-of-way of public roads any bird or animal except bear, without written permission of the owner or lessee of the adjacent land. Bear and boar may be hunted from any unpaved road.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Camden

- Unlawful to trap foxes.
- Hunt deer with a rifle, except from a stand eight feet high located on land owned or leased by the hunter or on another's land with the owner's permission.
- Set a Conibear-type 330 or 220 trap or a No. 2 leghold steel trap, except in water where beaver or otter may be lawfully taken.
- Hunt from the right-of-way of S.R. 1239 or of S.R. 1224 from the county line to S.R. 1239.
- Hunt or discharge a firearm from, on or across S.R. 1205.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- To discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm within one-half mile of any public or private school, toward any public or private school, or to cause any projectile discharged from a firearm to enter any public or private school grounds for any reason.

Carteret

- Hunt deer from a public road adjoining lands of others without written permission of the owners or lessees.
- Set a steel trap or Conibear-type trap, or take an animal therefrom, on another's land without a written lease authorizing trapping.
- Take migratory waterfowl within 500 yards of another's permanent hunting location without permission of the landholder upon whose land the waterfowl is taken.

Caswell

- Hunt fox between June 30 – Sept. 1.
- Hunt deer from the surface or right-of-way of a public road.
- It is unlawful for a person to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the land of another, or fish on the land of another, without having on one's person while hunting or fishing the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting and fishing season.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- It is unlawful for a person to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife while under the influence of an impairing substance.

Catawba

- Hunt, take or kill or attempt to hunt, take or kill any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of any public road.

Chatham

- Hunt with a firearm from the surface or right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt with a firearm or bow and arrow or possess same, except with express written permission, dated within the previous 12 months, of the landowner or lessee.
- Permit a minor under 16 to possess a firearm, unless the child is under the supervision of parents or guardian.
- Possess a loaded firearm on the land of another while under the influence of an impairing substance.

Cherokee

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- To take or kill any wild animal or wild bird with the use of a firearm or to discharge a firearm from, on, or across the right-of-way of a public road, street, highway or other public vehicular area.

Chowan

- Hunt waterfowl on N.C. 32 or on any road south thereof between the Albemarle Sound bridge and the Edenton City Limits.
- Take a bird or animal within Arrowhead Beach subdivision, Cape Colony subdivision or Chowan Beach subdivision.
- Hunt deer, except by still hunting, south of U.S. 17 and U.S. 17 Business and east of a line from the intersection of U.S. 17 Business and the western city limits of Edenton due south to Albemarle Sound.
- Hunt on the land of another without written permission of owner or lessee; permission to be dated within one year.
- Hunt with or possess a centerfire rifle on the land of another or discharge same on, over or across another's land without having on one's person, written permission dated within one year.
- Hunt with or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow from, to or across any state-maintained road or right-of-way.
- To hunt with a centerfire rifle, unless the barrel of the rifle is at least eight feet above ground level.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Clay

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- To take or kill any wild animal or wild bird with the use of a firearm or to discharge a firearm from, on, or across the right-of-way of a public road, street, highway or other public vehicular area.

Cleveland

- Hunt from a public road right-of-way.

- Hunt red fox at any time or gray fox between March 1 and Dec. 1.
- Hunt on land of another without written permission from the owner or lessee dated within one year.

Columbus

- Set a steel trap between March 1 – Jan. 1.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway without obtaining written permission of the owner or lessee of the land abutting the road or the land across which the weapon is being discharged.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Craven

- Unless a person owns or possesses a leasehold, it is unlawful to hunt, take, kill or to shoot from, on, or across a road right-of-way on S.R. 1611, S.R. 1613, S.R. 1614, S.R. 1615, S.R. 1617, S.R. 1619 or on S.R. 1401 from Washington Post Road to N.C. 55.
- Hunt on or from a public road within an area posted against such by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- Hunt on land within 100 yards of Trent River between the U.S. 70 bridge and a straight line from Haywards Creek to Ready Branch.
- Hunt on land within 100 yards of Brices Creek between Trent River and the S.R. 1004 bridge.
- Hunt from or shoot across S.R. 1600 (Broad Creek Road) east of N.C. 55 to its terminus near Broad Creek.
- Hunt on or from N.C. 306, S.R. 1004, U.S. 70 from S.R. 1225 to .6 mile east, or S.R. 1225 from S.R. 1226 to .6 mile south.
- Take any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 1144.
- Hunt, take or kill any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 1101 from S.R. 1004 to the U.S. Forestry Service boundary.
- Hunt, take or kill any bird or animal on, from or across the right-of-way of S.R. 1258 from its intersection with N.C. 55 to the intersection of S.R. 1251.
- Hunt, take or kill any bird or animal on, from or across the right-of-ways of S.R. 1230, S.R. 1229 and S.R. 1620.
- Unless a person owns or possesses a leasehold, it is unlawful to hunt, take or kill any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 1633, known as Brown Farm Road, S.R. 1637, known as Alligator Road, and state roads 1638 and 1639 known as Maul Swamp Road.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird on, from or across the right-of-way of S.R. 1477.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 1459 from Riverside Church north to S.R. 1460.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 1460 from its intersection with S.R. 1459 west to the Pitt County line.
- Unless a person owns or possesses a leasehold interest in the real property adjacent to the portion of the road on which the person is located, it is unlawful for that person to discharge a firearm from, on or across the right-of-way of S.R. 1862 from Adams Creek Road to the end of the state maintained portion of the road.

Cumberland

- Set a steel-jaw leghold trap on another person's land, except for beaver or muskrat on lands of one with whom the trapper has a contract for trapping.
- Hunt with a firearm from or on a public road or the right-of-way thereof.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other

electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Currituck

- Unlawful to trap foxes.
- NOTE: The Poplar Branch Township on the Outer Banks is included within the Maximum Either-Sex Season for Currituck County. During the Regular Gun Deer Season in that portion of Poplar Branch Township on the Outer Banks, there is an open season for hunting or taking deer of either sex using only shotguns, bow and arrow, and muzzleloading firearms. The Eastern Deer Season dates and all restrictions that apply to the Bow-and-Arrow and Muzzleloading seasons in Currituck County also apply to the Poplar Branch Township. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Swan Island and Monkey Island Refuge areas are also included here; however, the refuges are currently closed by federal rule; contact Mackay Island NWR regarding special refuge regulations.
- Hunt waterfowl within 500 yards of another's licensed blind. NOTE: A Currituck Game Commission License is not required for temporary waterfowl blinds on game lands. However, unlicensed temporary blinds on game lands in this county shall not be hunted if a licensed float blind is established within 500 yards of the unlicensed blind before game land hunters have occupied the blind. Likewise, licensed float-blind hunters shall not establish a float-blind position within 500 yards of an unlicensed game land blind if game land hunters have occupied the blind first. Unlicensed float blinds on game lands must be used within five yards of the game lands shoreline and shall not be established within 500 yards of a licensed point, bush or float blind. Licensed float-blind hunters shall not establish a float-blind position within 500 yards of an established game land float-blind position if the game land hunters have established the game land float-blind position first.
- Hunt with a firearm from the right-of-way of S.R. 1140, S.R. 1218, S.R. 1227, S.R. 1229, S.R. 1248, S.R. 1249, S.R. 1250, S.R. 1251, S.R. 1252, S.R. 1253 or of U.S. 168 north of Moyock Creek.
- For more information on the Currituck Game Commission's laws, rules and waterfowl blind licenses, please visit <http://www.currituckgamecommission.org>, or call (252) 429-3472.

NOTE: Dare and Currituck counties require licensing of waterfowl blinds, and certain restrictions apply to hunting waterfowl in these two counties. For more information, contact: Dare County Game and Wildlife Commission, P. O. Box 1000, Manteo, NC 27954.

Dare

- Unlawful to trap foxes.
- Chase deer with dogs, or permit a dog to chase deer, between March 1 and June 30, except for the mainland and Durant Island.
- Hunt transitory waterfowl from an unlicensed blind, except on or within five yards of the shoreline of game lands.
- Use any trap that has a jaw spread that exceeds 7½ inches until after Jan. 2 of each year or the last day of deer hunting season, whichever is later.
- Hunt waterfowl from an unlicensed, stationary or float blind.
- Hunt in the blind of another without written permission.
- Hunt in a float blind within 500 yards of a licensed blind, occupied or vacant.
- For more information on the Dare County Game and Wildlife Commission's laws, rules and waterfowl blind licenses, call (252) 475-5631.

Davidson

- Hunt, fish or trap on land of another without permission.
- NOTE: Discharge of firearms or pellet guns from right-of-way of public roads is regulated by local ordinance.
- Hunt, take or kill a wild bird or wild animal with a firearm or discharge a firearm from, on or across the right-of-way of any numbered state-maintained road without written permission of the adjoining landowner.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Davie

- Import and release a fox.

Duplin

- Hunt fox with dogs between March 15 – Aug. 2.
- For information concerning hunting from the roadway in Duplin County contact the county attorney.

Durham

- Discharge a firearm in taking game animals from the right-of-way of a public road adjoining posted land, without permission of the owner or person in charge of such land.
- Discharge a centerfire rifle on another's land, or on or across such land from a public road, without having in possession written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Take deer with dogs.
- Hunt deer from a public road.
- Hunt any wildlife with a firearm from a public road.

Edgecombe

- Hunt, take or transport deer from or with the aid of any boat or floating device on that portion of the Tar River from S.R. 1252 to N.C. 33.
- Hunt with a firearm from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt or transport game, except migratory waterfowl, from or by a boat or floating device on Swift Creek.
- **Hunt on the land of another without having on one's person while hunting the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting season, of the landowner or lessee, or the landowner's or lessee's designee. (Effective Oct. 1, 2009)**

Franklin

- Hunt deer with a rifle on another's land, or from the right-of-way of a public road adjoining such land, without written permission from the owner to use a rifle.
- Hunt game from the right-of-way of any public road in that part of the county bounded on the north beginning at the Tar River at the Granville County line east to U.S. 1, then south along U.S. 1 to the intersection of N.C. 56, then east along N.C. 56 to the intersection of U.S. 401, then north along U.S. 401 to the intersection of N.C. 39, then south along N.C. 39 to the intersection of N.C. 98, then east along N.C. 98 to the Nash County line.
- In all other portions of the county to hunt game from the right-of-way of any public road, without written permission of the owners of the lands abutting that road.

Gaston

- Hunt, take or kill with a firearm or other deadly weapon, any wild animal or wild bird from or across the right-of-way of any public road, street or highway.

Gates

- Take deer with the aid of a boat or floating device, in or within 100 yards of the Chowan River, except in creeks and tributaries.
- Hunt on a public road adjoining posted land without prior written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Hunt with or discharge a centerfire rifle from, on or across a state-maintained road.
- Hunt with or possess a centerfire rifle on another's land without written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Hunt with, or possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or dog on another's land without permission of the owner or lessee.
- Take any game or furbearer by trapping on another person's land between the end of trapping season and Jan. 2.
- Hunt with or possess a centerfire rifle or pistol in that part bordered to the north by U.S. 158, to the west by S.R. 1403/1400, to the south by S.R. 1404 and to the east by N.C. 32. It is also unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged a centerfire rifle or pistol toward Merchants Mill Pond State Park, or to cause any projectile to enter the park property for any reason.



Disposal of Deer Carcasses

- Disposing of deer or any other animal remains on roadsides, waterways or on property (without permission or where restricted) is illegal in North Carolina.
- Irresponsible dumping of deer carcasses sends the wrong image of a great sport, can spread disease, and could result in misdemeanor and felony charges.
- Dispose of game remnants in a prompt and responsible manner.
- Where permissible, bury remains at least two feet deep.
- Contact your area landfill or solid waste management provider for local policies and more information.

Be a Responsible and Ethical Hunter.

Granville

- Hunt deer from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt or possess a firearm or bow and arrow, without acquiring an entry permit, before entering on registered lands or remaining on an abutting portion of highway.
- Release a dog or dogs onto the property of another for the purpose of hunting deer without the written consent of the landowner or lessee.

Greene

- Hunt deer with a rifle, except from a position elevated at least eight feet above the ground and not affixed to a motor vehicle.
- Hunt fox with firearms during the open deer season.
- Hunt with a loaded firearm from or on a public road or right-of-way.
- Hunt any wild animal or game bird with a firearm or bow and arrow from, on, or across the right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or game bird on the posted lands of another without having on one's person the written permission of the owner or lessee dated within the current hunting season.

Guilford

- Hunt an animal with a firearm from a public road.

Halifax

- Take deer with the aid of a boat or floating device in Roanoke River between U.S. 17 and U.S.301.
- Hunt with a firearm from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Discharge a firearm on or across a public road.

Harnett

- Buy or sell a dead fox, fox pelt or other part thereof.
- Hunt, take or kill with a firearm or other deadly weapon any wild animal or wild bird on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road, street, highway or thoroughfare.
- Use a centerfire rifle in hunting on the land of another without written permission dated within 12 months and carried on one's person.

Haywood

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Henderson

- Hunt or discharge a firearm on or from the right-of-way of any state road west of U.S. 280.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Hertford

- Take deer with the aid of a boat or floating device in or within 100 yards of the Chowan River, except in creeks and tributaries.
- Discharge a centerfire rifle or any rifle larger than .22-caliber on or from the right-of-way of a public road, street or highway.
- Hunt any wild animal or wild bird with the use of a firearm, from, on, across or over the roadway or right-of-way of any public road, street or highway.
- Hunt with or possess a centerfire rifle on another's land without written permission of the owner or lessee.
- Possess a firearm aboard a motor-propelled vessel (except an outboard with the motor removed and stored) on Meherrin River between the Virginia state line and Murfreesboro city limit during the open deer season.

Hoke

- Hunt with or discharge a firearm from, onto or across a primary highway.
- Hunt with or discharge a firearm from, onto or across a secondary road without having in possession written permission of the owner or lessee to hunt on abutting land.

- Hunt with a rifle larger than .22-caliber or capable of firing .22 centerfire, unless positioned at least 10 feet above the ground.
- Hunt with a gun or dog on the land of another without written permission of the owner or lessee dated within one year.

Hyde

- Hunt game animals with dogs, unless accompanied by a licensed hunting guide or with a permit from the owner of the land.
- Hunt migratory waterfowl from a public road.
- Hunt with a rifle from a public road.
- Hunt on the land of another without permission of the owner or lessee.

Iredell

- Hunt, take or kill, or attempt to hunt, take or kill, any animal or bird on or from the right-of-way of any public road.
- Hunt, fish or trap on land of another without written permission.

Jackson

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.
- Unlawful to kill any wild animal or wild bird with the use of a firearm or to discharge a firearm from, on, or across the right-of-way of a state-maintained road, street or highway.
- Unlawful to shine a light intentionally upon a deer or in search of deer between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise.

Johnston

- Hunt or fish on the land of another without having on one's person the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting or fishing season, of the landowner or lessee.
- Take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the land of another while under the influence of an impairing substance.
- Hunt with a loaded firearm on a state-maintained road.
- Discharge a firearm on or across a state-maintained road.
- Hunt deer with dogs or allow a dog to chase deer.
- Hunt deer with a rifle on another's land or on an adjoining public road without written permission of the owner.

Jones

- Hunt, with firearms, any animal or bird on, or from, or across the right-of-way of any paved public road or highway.

Lee

- Buy or sell a dead fox, fox pelt or other part thereof.
- Hunt with any weapon while on the land of another without written permission dated within one year.
- Hunt with any weapon, any wild animal or bird, or discharge a firearm on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road.

Lenoir

- Hunt with a firearm on or discharge a firearm on or across S.R. 1804 between U.S. 70 and N.C. 55.
- Release hunting dogs onto posted land without written consent of the owner.
- Hunt on or from the right-of-way of a public road.

Macon

- Hunt, take or kill white-tailed deer from, on or across the right-of-way of any public road, street or highway.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Madison

- Hunt red foxes.
- Hunt from a public road right-of-way.

Martin

- It is unlawful to hunt with or discharge a firearm on, from, or across the right-of-way of any highway or public road. It is unlawful to possess a loaded firearm outside the passenger

compartment of a vehicle while on the roadway or highway right-of-way, unless the person is the owner or lessee of the land abutting the right-of-way or has on his person the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land abutting the right-of-way to hunt the land, dated within the last 12 months, or the person has a concealed carry permit and is only carrying a loaded, concealed weapon.

- Discharge a rifle of greater than .22-caliber, except from an elevated position in which the rifle is a minimum of eight feet above the ground.
- Buy or sell a dead fox, fox pelt or other part thereof.
- To take deer from any vessel in the Roanoke River, or its tributaries, except for those portions of the river and its tributaries that are adjacent to the border with Washington County whether the vessel is under power or not.

McDowell

- Discharge a firearm from the right-of-way of a state-numbered road for the purpose of taking big game animals. This does not apply to those portions along N.C. 105 bordered on both sides by game lands.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Mecklenburg

- Hunt deer with any rifle, except that a muzzleloading rifle may be used during the primitive-weapons season.
- Hunt with a firearm from a public road or highway right-of-way.

Mitchell

- Hunt, take or kill any wild bird or wild animal except bear or boar with a firearm from, on or across a public road right-of-way.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Montgomery

- Sell a dead fox or parts thereof.

Moore

- In Sandhill and Mineral Springs townships: (1) hunt any game animal on another's land without possession of written permission of the owner or lessee; (2) hunt with a rifle of greater than .22 rimfire caliber or capable of firing .22 centerfire ammunition, except that a muzzleloading rifle may be used when positioned at least eight feet above the ground.
- Shine a light on deer between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
- Hunt deer on the land of another without written permission dated within one year.
- Hunt, take or kill deer on, from or across a right-of-way of any public road.
- Hunt deer with dogs unless each dog bears a collar, tag or other identification with the owner's full name and address.

Nash

- Take migratory waterfowl on, from or over the Rocky Mount Tar River Reservoir or within 500 yards thereof, except within "Zone E" with permission of the affected landowner and subject to the rules and regulations of the City of Rocky Mount. See <http://www.rockymountnc.gov/parks/hunting.html> for more detail.
- Discharge a firearm from, onto or across a public road.
- Hunt deer with a rifle, except from a stand at least six feet above the ground.
- Hunt or discharge a rifle on or across the right-of-way of any road.
- Hunt on the land of another without written permission from the owner or lessee.

New Hanover

- Hunt a fox with dogs in Federal Point township south of the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Set a steel trap on another's land.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Northampton

- Take deer with the aid of a boat in or within 100 yards of the Roanoke River below U.S. 301.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway.
- Discharge a rifle larger than .22-caliber on another's land or from the right-of-way of a public road across such land without written permission of the owner or lessee and unless positioned at least eight feet above the ground.
- Possess a firearm on a motor-propelled vessel (except an out-board with the motor removed and stored) on Meherrin River during the open deer season.

Onslow

- Hunt any wild animal or bird from the right-of-way of any public road without written permission of the owner or lessee of the land that abuts the road.

Orange

- Hunt deer from a public road.
- Hunt with firearms from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- Hunt or fish on the land of another without having on one's person, written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting season, by the landowner or lessee.
- Unlawful to hunt with firearms by persons under the influence of alcohol or other impairing substances.

Pamlico

- Take migratory waterfowl within 500 yards of another's permanent hunting location without permission of the landholder upon whose land the waterfowl is taken.
- Hunt bear with dogs.
- Take any wild animal or wild bird from or across the right-of-way of N.C. 55 and N.C. 306.

Pasquotank

- Unlawful to trap foxes.
- Use a firearm carelessly and heedlessly, so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, or any discharge of a firearm that results in a projectile crossing the property of another person without their permission.
- Discharge a centerfire rifle on another's land, or on or across such land from a public road, without having in possession written permission of the owner or lessee.
- To have possession of a loaded shotgun or centerfire rifle while on the right-of-way of any public road or highway while outside the confines of the passenger area of a vehicle, without the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land that abuts the road or highway.
- To hunt, take or kill any bird or game animal from or on the right-of-way of any public road or highway, without first securing the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land that abuts the road or highway.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Pender

- Take deer with the aid of a boat or floating device in or within 100 yards of the Black River, Long Creek, Morgan Creek or Turkey Creek between N.C. 210 and the Northeast Cape Fear River.
- Discharge a firearm while hunting from the right-of-way of a state-maintained road onto or across any adjoining land without permission of the owner.

Perquimans

- Unlawful to trap foxes.
- Take a wild animal or bird in Snug Harbor subdivision in Bethel Township or in Longbeach Estates.
- Hunt with a rifle larger than .22-caliber without written permission of the landowner.
- Hunt on the right-of-way of a public road.
- Hunt with or possess a firearm or bow and arrow on another's land without the permission of the landowner or lessee.
- Hunt with a centerfire rifle, except from a stand at least five feet above the ground level.
- Hunt on land of another without the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land, dated for the current hunting season.

Person

- Hunt deer from a public road.

Pitt

- Hunt with a firearm from or on, or across a public road or the right-of-way thereof.
- Hunt while under the influence of an impairing substance.
- Hunt with a firearm within 300 feet of any residency or occupied building without the written, signed and dated permission of the owner or lessee of the land. Permission must be renewed annually.
- Hunt or to discharge a firearm on or across posted land without the written, signed and dated permission of the owner or lessee. Permission must be renewed annually.
- Release dogs on posted land without the written signed and dated permission of the owner or lessee of the land. Permission must be renewed annually.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Polk

- Possess or set a steel trap, or take an animal therefrom, except on land owned or leased solely for agricultural purposes by the trapper.
- Hunt with a firearm from or on a public road or the right-of-way thereof.
- Unlawful to possess or consume alcohol within 50 feet of any river in Polk County.

Randolph

- Hunt from the right-of-way of a public road.

Richmond

- Take deer with dogs west of Little River and that portion east of Little River, bounded by N.C. 73 to the north, by Hough Road to the east and by Grassy Island Road to the south.
- Hunt deer from a public road.
- Hunt with firearms from the right-of-way of any public road north of U.S. 74 and west of U.S. 220.

Robeson

- Hunt deer from or through the use of any boat or other floating device.
- Prohibits hunting, taking or killing any wild animal or wild bird, or attempting to hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird, with the use of a firearm or bow and arrow, from, on, across or over the roadway or right-of-way of any public road, street or highway.

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Rockingham

- Hunt any wildlife from the right-of-way of any public road.
- NOTE: Entrance to private lands to hunt is regulated by local ordinance.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Rowan

- Hunt, fish or trap on the land of another without written permission.
- Hunt with a loaded firearm or discharge the same on or across a state-maintained road.
- NOTE: Entrance to private lands to hunt is regulated by local ordinance.
- Discharge firearms or fireworks or to create noise using mechanical apparatus while in the no-wake zone around Eagle Point Nature Preserve on High Rock Reservoir.

Rutherford

- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird on, or across the right-of-way of any public road.
- Possess or set a steel trap, or take an animal therefrom, except on land owned or leased solely for agricultural purposes by the trapper.
- Hunt with any weapon while on the land of another without written permission dated within one year.
- Discharge a firearm on, from or across the right-of-way of any public road.

Sampson

- Hunt with firearms any wild animal or wild bird from or discharge firearms from or across any state-maintained road without obtaining permission of the landowner or lessee of the land abutting the road.

Scotland

- Hunt with the use of a centerfire rifle or any firearm capable of firing a centerfire projectile, unless the person is positioned in a stationary and elevated position at least 10 feet above the ground.
- Possess a loaded shotgun or rifle, or discharge any firearm, from, onto or across the right-of-way of a primary or secondary highway, except by an owner of land adjoining a secondary road or a person with an owner's written permission to hunt on such adjoining land.
- Hunt on land of another without written permission from the owner or lessee dated within one year.

Stanly

- Hunt with a firearm from the right-of-way of a public road.
- Unlawful to take or attempt to take wildlife or fish on the land of another, without having on one's person written permission signed and dated for the current hunting and fishing season, of the landowner or lessee.
- Unlawful to take or attempt to take wildlife on the land of another while under the influence of an impairing substance.

Stokes

- Discharge a firearm in taking game animals from the right-of-way of a public road adjoining posted land without permission of the owner or person in charge of such land.
- Hunt an animal with a firearm from a public road.

Surry

- Hunt any animal with a firearm from a public road, highway or street.

Swain

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other

electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

Transylvania

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or bird from, on or across the right-of-way of a public road, street, highway or other vehicular area.
- Hunt on the land of another without having written permission from the landowner or lessee dated within the previous 12 months.

Tyrrell

- To hunt, take, or kill, or to attempt to hunt, take or kill, any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow on, from, or across the right-of-way of any state-maintained road or to discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow on, from, or across the right-away of any state-maintained road or highway. This does not apply to hunters lawfully recovering dogs as long as weapons remain in a motor vehicle or to a person lawfully engaged in the act of taking bullfrogs with a rimfire weapon.
- To possess a loaded firearm while on the right-of-way of any state-maintained road or highway outside the confines of the passenger area of the vehicle.
- To hunt, take, or kill, or to attempt to hunt, take or kill, any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow, or dogs or to possess a loaded firearm outside the confines of the passenger area of the vehicle, on the land of another, without the written permission of the landowner or lessee of the land, dated and valid for no more than one year. This law does not apply to a person who leases land for the purpose of hunting while hunting on that leased land or to a member of a hunting club with a current and valid membership card while hunting on club land.
- Hunt with a gun or dog on another's land without permission of the owner or lessee.

Union

- Hunt, take or kill a wild animal or wild bird from, on or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway.
- Discharge a firearm from, on or across the right-of-way of any state-maintained road.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Vance

- Hunt or discharge a firearm on any land that has been registered with the sheriff and posted, or on a highway abutting such land, without having in possession a valid entry permit. (Before hunting or discharging a firearm on any land or an abutting highway, it is the affirmative duty of the hunter or marksman to make appropriate inquiry about whether the land is registered and to look for posted signs that may indicate such status.)
- Hunt wild animals or wild birds from, on or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway.
- Discharge a centerfire rifle from, on or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway.

Wake

- Hunt deer with a dog on another's land without written permission of the owner.
- Shoot at a deer from, on or across the right-of-way of a county road or state highway.
- Take any animal with a centerfire rifle, unless the person is positioned at least eight feet above the ground.
- Possess a loaded firearm or hunt on the land of another without written permission.

- Possess loaded shotguns or centerfire rifles upon highway right-of-ways.

Warren

- Hunt or possess a firearm or bow and arrow without acquiring an entry permit before entering on registered lands or remaining on an abutting portion of the highway.
- Take deer with a rifle on another's land or from the right-of-way of a public road adjoining such land, without written permission of the owner.

Washington

- Use a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow on, from or across the right-of-way of any state-maintained road.
- Possess a loaded shotgun or centerfire rifle while on the right-of-way of any state-maintained road or highway outside the confines of the passenger area of a vehicle (not applicable to the owner of the land).
- Hunt, take or kill a wild animal or wild bird with firearms and dogs, or to possess a loaded firearm outside the confines of the passenger area of a vehicle on the land of another, without the permission of the landowner or lessee.
- Hunt, take or kill any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow on, from or across the right-of-way of any state-maintained road or highway.

Watauga

- Hunt, take or kill any species of wild animal or wild bird by loaded firearm or lethal weapon from the right-of-way of any state-maintained road or to discharge a firearm or weapon across any such road.

Wayne

- Set a steel trap or Conibear-type trap, or take an animal therefrom, on another's land without a written lease authorizing trapping.
- Hunt deer with dogs or allow dogs to chase deer.
- Hunt with a loaded gun or discharge same on or across a state-maintained road.
- Hunt deer with a rifle on another's land, or from a public road adjoining such land, without written permission of the landowner.
- Hunt foxes in any manner from March 16 – Aug. 1.
- **Hunt on the land of another without permission of the owner or lessee.**

Wilkes

- Shoot a raccoon while training coon dogs during closed season.
- Hunt animals with a firearm from a public road, except that bear or wild boar may be taken from any unpaved road.
- Hunt, fish or trap on land of another without written permission.
- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

Wilson

- Hunt from a public road right-of-way.
- Hunt deer with rifles, except from a stationary stand that is elevated at least eight feet above the ground.
- Hunt on the land of another without having, on one's person, written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting season by the landowner or lessee.

Yadkin

- Import and release a fox.
- Hunt animals with a firearm from a public road.
- Hunt, fish or trap on the land of another without written permission.

Yancey

- Intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar, or other electronic device, placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.

North Carolina Big Game Harvest for 2009-2010

As reported by hunters to wildlife cooperator agents, by telephone and by the Internet.

- Why should a hunter go out of his way to report the turkey gobbler he just harvested?
- How many deer were harvested during the season here in North Carolina?
- Was the total deer harvest for this period greater or less than this figure for last season?
- How is this information used?

These are questions that often surface during discussions of North Carolina's big game reporting system. The big game reporting system is a procedure that requires all wild turkey, boar, bear and deer harvested by hunters here in the state be reported to a wildlife cooperator agent, by telephone to the Wildlife Resources Commission via a toll-free number or by the Internet. This procedure became mandatory in the fall of 1976.

Successful game management is based on many factors and data, including big game harvest figures. The more that game managers know about population trends and numbers, the easier it is for them to make decisions that affect seasons and other regulatory matters. Sound big game management must be the result of combined efforts of hunters and the staff of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

While the figures in this report represent the reported harvest and may vary from the actual harvest, they are the best such figures available at this time. Please do your share to see that future reports of this nature are as complete as possible by reporting your big game harvests and by encouraging your fellow sportsmen to do the same.

Due to space limitations, not all the harvest data collected by the Wildlife Resources Commission can be presented here. Sportsmen can access more harvest data at www.ncwildlife.org including daily, weekly and zone harvest; harvest by weapon type and use of dogs; and harvest on each game land.

See the section titled "Big Game Harvest and Reporting" on page 55 for information on the big game harvest reporting procedures.

2009-2010 BLACK BEAR HARVEST BY REGION

COASTAL REGION County	Number Harvested			Location	
	Male	Female	Total Bears	Game Lands	Other Lands
Beaufort	91	60	151	3	148
Bertie	28	22	50	2	48
Bladen	44	22	66	9	57
Brunswick	22	13	35	0	35
Camden	38	24	62	0	62
Carteret	17	6	23	3	20
Chowan	4	4	8	0	8
Columbus	10	7	17	4	13
Craven	48	30	78	5	73
Cumberland	7	8	15	0	15
Currituck	12	14	26	0	26
Dare	3	4	7	4	3
Duplin	1	9	10	0	10
Gates	43	12	55	1	54
Greene	1	0	1	0	1
Halifax	1	0	1	0	1
Hertford	25	10	35	4	31
Hyde	124	40	164	1	163
Jones	65	31	96	7	89
Lenoir	4	9	13	0	13
Martin	13	15	28	0	28
New Hanover	2	2	4	0	4
Northampton	6	2	8	0	8
Onslow	29	18	47	1	46
Pamlico	22	23	45	0	45
Pasquotank	6	1	7	0	7
Pender	25	21	46	6	40
Perquimans	1	2	3	0	3
Pitt	14	6	20	0	20
Sampson	9	3	12	0	12
Tyrrell	55	35	90	24	66
Washington	23	27	50	3	47
Coastal Total	793	480	1,273	77	1,196
Percent of Totals	62%	38%		6%	94%

MOUNTAIN REGION County	Number Harvested			Location	
	Male	Female	Total Bears	Game Lands	Other Lands
Alleghany	11	4	15	0	15
Ashe	19	17	36	0	36
Avery	22	24	46	5	41
Buncombe	27	20	47	9	38
Burke	40	17	57	36	21
Caldwell	29	10	39	8	31
Cherokee	61	16	77	52	25
Clay	16	11	27	18	9
Cleveland	1	0	1	0	1
Graham	74	37	111	96	15
Haywood	67	29	96	33	63
Henderson	23	12	35	0	35
Jackson	26	21	47	41	6
Macon	67	28	95	73	22
Madison	55	37	92	44	48
McDowell	45	53	98	47	51
Mitchell	39	25	64	11	53
Polk	5	3	8	1	7
Rutherford	19	10	29	0	29
Surry	5	6	11	1	10
Swain	12	10	22	14	8
Transylvania	21	15	36	20	16
Watauga	8	9	17	0	17
Wilkes	14	6	20	0	20
Yancey	40	33	73	10	63
Mountain Total	746	453	1,199	519	680
Percent of Totals	62%	38%		43%	57%

County	Number Harvested			Location	
	Male	Female	Total Bears	Game Lands	Other Lands
Alexander	0	0	0	0	0
Catawba	0	1	1	0	1
Iredell	0	0	0	0	0
Stokes	0	0	0	0	0
Yadkin	0	0	0	0	0
Piedmont Total	0	1	1	0	1
Percent of Totals	0.0%	100.0%		0.0%	100.0%
Statewide Totals	1,539	934	2,473	596	1,877
Percent of Totals	62%	38%		24%	76%



ATTENTION Bear Hunters!



Become a Black Bear Cooperator by helping us monitor our bear population.

1. If you harvest a bear, contact our wildlife staff so both upper premolar teeth (behind the canines) and other information can be collected.



First Upper Premolars
One on each side

2. If you cannot locate wildlife staff, call (919) 707-0050 so that we may send information to you on how to collect the tooth.

Please leave contact information if staff is unavailable.

Looking for Avid Grouse and Quail Hunters!



If you hunt grouse or quail you can help provide important data on harvest rates and populations of these game birds. Please consider filling out an annual survey card by sending your name and address to:

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Avid Hunter Surveys
1723 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27690-9904.**

We will provide you with survey cards and instructions.

2009-2010 REPORTED WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST

County	Sex and Age of Harvest			Total	Antlered Bucks	Harvest by Season			Location	
	Antlered Bucks	Button Bucks	Does		Bucks/ Sq. Mile	Gun	Muzzle-loader	Bow	Game Lands	Other Lands
Alamance	962	180	1,310	2,452	3.93	1,970	247	235	0	2,452
Alexander	430	73	503	1,006	2.64	699	164	143	0	1,006
Alleghany	1,061	217	1,524	2,802	6.82	1,942	512	348	4	2,798
Anson	1,436	295	1,969	3,700	3.31	2,947	421	332	63	3,637
Ashe	1,071	202	1,220	2,493	3.52	1,759	431	303	30	2,463
Avery	412	48	244	704	1.79	484	64	156	72	632
Beaufort	1,569	195	1,386	3,150	2.46	2,943	135	72	67	3,083
Bertie	2,000	367	2,269	4,636	3.24	4,208	273	155	357	4,279
Bladen	1,392	172	1,112	2,676	1.97	2,551	63	62	144	2,532
Brunswick	932	93	588	1,613	1.34	1,500	67	46	102	1,511
Buncombe	228	21	172	421	0.52	318	15	88	71	350
Burke	665	87	524	1,276	1.88	900	201	175	110	1,166
Cabarrus	530	92	567	1,189	2.96	906	120	163	0	1,189
Caldwell	542	54	404	1,000	1.47	660	175	165	57	943
Camden	191	27	178	396	1.03	376	13	7	12	384
Carteret	335	40	221	596	1.13	539	42	15	217	379
Caswell	1,261	291	1,347	2,899	4.03	2,292	411	196	189	2,710
Catawba	529	85	494	1,108	2.28	664	265	179	12	1,096
Chatham	1,025	206	1,419	2,650	2.11	2,023	355	272	337	2,313
Cherokee	211	6	47	264	0.55	182	24	58	80	184
Chowan	421	67	380	868	2.8	833	17	18	8	860
Clay	140	4	26	170	0.86	122	8	40	41	129
Cleveland	588	67	450	1,105	2.23	846	121	138	1	1,104
Columbus	1,256	156	980	2,392	1.63	2,235	103	54	276	2,116
Craven	1,419	131	1,000	2,550	2.69	2,336	143	71	188	2,362
Cumberland	712	66	365	1,143	1.92	1,061	45	37	6	1,137
Currituck	268	62	286	616	2.29	559	21	36	23	593
Dare	129	15	37	181	0.62	139	31	11	105	76
Davidson	718	111	661	1,490	1.99	1,220	168	102	88	1,402
Davie	562	81	635	1,278	3.78	942	203	133	27	1,251
Duplin	1,665	189	1,377	3,231	2.52	3,097	64	70	19	3,212
Durham	344	61	370	775	2.48	539	107	129	190	585
Edgecombe	1,532	170	1,383	3,085	3.65	2,911	131	43	34	3,051
Forsyth	489	72	465	1,026	2.94	630	156	240	0	1,026
Franklin	1,510	219	1,339	3,068	4.26	2,914	68	86	17	3,051
Gaston	418	74	350	842	2.44	531	140	171	0	842
Gates	803	172	656	1,631	2.69	1,556	39	36	39	1,592
Graham	46	0	4	50	0.17	43	2	5	35	15
Granville	1,149	234	1,261	2,644	3.55	2,140	316	188	103	2,541
Greene	512	59	399	970	2.51	925	20	25	0	970
Guilford	712	134	659	1,505	2.22	1,106	164	235	0	1,505
Halifax	2,502	438	2,503	5,443	4.39	5,076	236	131	156	5,287
Harnett	824	109	547	1,480	1.92	861	134	485	4	1,476
Haywood	87	3	14	104	0.19	92	4	8	25	79
Henderson	159	14	99	272	0.75	179	25	68	61	211
Hertford	1,094	236	1,126	2,456	3.76	2,295	90	71	63	2,393
Hoke	263	37	223	523	0.84	469	18	36	27	496
Hyde	979	262	1,236	2,477	2.13	2,024	311	142	168	2,309
Iredell	974	186	1,100	2,260	3.21	1,556	427	277	0	2,260
Jackson	83	0	4	87	0.21	79	2	6	60	27
Johnston	1,125	160	806	2,091	2.03	1,921	56	114	0	2,091
Jones	1,043	101	758	1,902	2.52	1,788	85	29	106	1,796
Lee	228	37	204	469	1.19	367	53	49	16	453
Lenoir	580	70	427	1,077	1.8	1,025	26	26	0	1,077
Lincoln	539	87	504	1,130	3.38	676	271	183	0	1,130
Macon	298	8	59	365	0.72	254	38	73	129	236
Madison	338	23	127	488	0.91	351	24	113	85	403
Martin	1,218	187	955	2,360	3.16	2,261	62	37	93	2,267
McDowell	420	31	266	717	1.13	523	99	95	83	634
Mecklenburg	289	43	352	684	2.01	390	125	169	0	684

2008-2009 White-Tailed Deer Harvest (continued)

County	Sex and Age of Harvest			Total	Antlered Bucks Harvested/ Sq. Mile	Harvest by Season			Location	
	Antlered Bucks	Button Bucks	Does			Gun	Muzzle-loader	Bow	Game Lands	Other Lands
Mitchell	444	62	388	894	2.40	581	80	233	37	857
Montgomery	1,308	205	1,277	2,790	3.19	2,067	513	210	317	2,473
Moore	1,100	163	986	2,249	1.97	1,660	282	307	27	2,222
Nash	1,252	194	1,055	2,501	2.87	2,382	67	52	9	2,492
New Hanover	75	10	56	141	0.88	126	7	8	1	140
Northampton	2,336	497	2,350	5,183	5.17	4,796	249	138	82	5,101
Onslow	1,117	184	892	2,193	1.98	1,998	82	113	62	2,131
Orange	886	136	1,065	2,087	3.32	1,655	205	227	11	2,076
Pamlico	549	41	306	896	2.41	823	54	19	23	873
Pasquotank	294	42	253	589	1.57	558	15	16	0	589
Pender	1,841	263	1,607	3,711	2.60	3,512	98	101	199	3,512
Perquimans	402	98	535	1,035	1.97	997	14	24	0	1,035
Person	866	190	1,084	2,140	3.15	1,738	264	138	86	2,054
Pitt	1,323	151	925	2,399	2.76	2,255	77	67	0	2,399
Polk	392	43	391	826	2.43	572	78	176	78	748
Randolph	1,051	163	1,093	2,307	1.90	1,838	261	208	43	2,264
Richmond	1,038	107	691	1,836	2.72	1,710	69	57	112	1,724
Robeson	721	69	379	1,169	0.97	1,092	47	30	55	1,114
Rockingham	1,292	209	1,505	3,006	3.38	2,288	339	379	0	3,006
Rowan	1,059	180	1,163	2,402	3.75	1,904	285	213	98	2,304
Rutherford	731	116	644	1,491	1.88	1,197	121	173	14	1,477
Sampson	1,324	146	988	2,458	1.63	2,384	37	37	115	2,343
Scotland	350	19	163	532	1.35	488	16	28	64	468
Stanly	758	146	811	1,715	3.12	1,383	200	132	23	1,692
Stokes	1,074	229	1,344	2,647	3.26	1,712	508	427	0	2,647
Surry	989	140	965	2,094	2.79	1,540	278	276	34	2,060
Swain	87	1	9	97	0.18	81	2	14	55	42
Transylvania	149	13	60	222	0.45	158	25	39	91	131
Tyrrell	442	112	468	1,022	1.39	865	121	36	148	874
Union	844	187	1,060	2,091	2.11	1,679	185	227	0	2,091
Vance	907	150	718	1,775	5.75	1,652	63	60	94	1,681
Wake	1,574	193	1,094	2,861	4.73	2,484	120	257	388	2,473
Warren	1,239	284	1,100	2,623	3.36	2,486	76	61	57	2,566
Washington	711	163	785	1,659	2.77	1,421	154	84	88	1,571
Watauga	742	89	680	1,511	3.25	1,052	250	209	22	1,489
Wayne	793	111	576	1,480	1.89	1,398	35	47	0	1,480
Wilkes	2,037	319	2,190	4,546	3.67	3,328	653	565	51	4,495
Wilson	672	80	493	1,245	2.27	1,185	21	39	0	1,245
Yadkin	759	117	844	1,720	3.74	1,294	264	162	0	1,720
Yancey	537	62	495	1,094	2.19	650	79	365	43	1,051
State	81,283	12,611	75,379	169,273	2.32	141,724	14,445	13,104	6,727	162,546

2009-2010 WILD BOAR HARVEST

County	Number Harvested			Location	
	Male	Female	Total Boar	Game Lands	Other Lands
Cherokee	24	17	41	23	18
Clay	9	11	20	11	9
Graham	36	35	71	56	15
Jackson	1	1	2	0	2
Macon	29	14	43	34	9
Swain	8	7	15	9	6
Totals	107	85	192	133	59
Percentage of Totals	55.7%	44.3%		69.3%	30.7%

2010 REPORTED SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST

(Includes 571 birds harvested during Youth Hunt Day)

County	Adult Gobblers	Jakes	Total Turkeys	Game Lands	Other Lands	County	Adult Gobblers	Jakes	Total Turkeys	Game Lands	Other Lands
Alamance	94	17	111	0	111	Johnston	25	2	27	0	27
Alexander	51	18	69	0	69	Jones	142	33	175	11	164
Alleghany	152	32	184	0	184	Lee	36	13	49	1	48
Anson	186	28	214	1	213	Lenoir	68	16	84	0	84
Ashe	125	22	147	2	145	Lincoln	57	33	90	0	90
Avery	115	20	135	22	113	Macon	98	16	114	47	67
Beaufort	66	18	84	3	81	Madison	181	27	208	27	181
Bertie	216	22	238	13	225	Martin	91	10	101	9	92
Bladen	226	38	264	23	241	McDowell	193	55	248	40	208
Brunswick	72	13	85	10	75	Mecklenburg	11	2	13	0	13
Buncombe	197	39	236	24	212	Mitchell	103	21	124	14	110
Burke	207	60	267	64	203	Montgomery	138	36	174	44	130
Cabarrus	72	32	104	0	104	Moore	102	36	138	3	135
Caldwell	172	37	209	29	180	Nash	53	9	62	1	61
Camden	41	9	50	0	50	New Hanover	6	0	6	0	6
Carteret	31	8	39	13	26	Northampton	427	38	465	11	454
Caswell	288	35	323	29	294	Onslow	125	25	150	4	146
Catawba	72	35	107	3	104	Orange	142	17	159	0	159
Chatham	95	24	119	10	109	Pamlico	45	7	52	0	52
Cherokee	98	13	111	31	80	Pasquotank	18	7	25	0	25
Chowan	45	10	55	0	55	Pender	229	42	271	14	257
Clay	25	8	33	7	26	Perquimans	67	14	81	0	81
Cleveland	124	60	184	2	182	Person	170	13	183	10	173
Columbus	156	20	176	3	173	Pitt	107	33	140	0	140
Craven	143	34	177	14	163	Polk	105	29	134	16	118
Cumberland	36	12	48	0	48	Randolph	84	20	104	9	95
Currituck	39	10	49	1	48	Richmond	91	18	109	10	99
Dare	0	0	0	0	0	Robeson	42	12	54	0	54
Davidson	105	51	156	6	150	Rockingham	392	40	432	0	432
Davie	122	42	164	6	158	Rowan	225	96	321	13	308
Duplin	191	39	230	0	230	Rutherford	242	91	333	12	321
Durham	45	5	50	12	38	Sampson	162	27	189	1	188
Edgecombe	150	26	176	4	172	Scotland	33	15	48	9	39
Forsyth	87	22	109	0	109	Stanly	69	27	96	3	93
Franklin	183	24	207	1	206	Stokes	320	48	368	0	368
Gaston	36	20	56	0	56	Surry	119	27	146	1	145
Gates	146	15	161	5	156	Swain	37	5	42	15	27
Graham	67	14	81	42	39	Transylvania	55	8	63	37	26
Granville	225	17	242	6	236	Tyrrell	20	3	23	5	18
Greene	45	3	48	0	48	Union	19	14	33	0	33
Guilford	125	18	143	0	143	Vance	159	13	172	4	168
Halifax	377	55	432	13	419	Wake	44	4	48	11	37
Harnett	69	23	92	0	92	Warren	157	35	192	12	180
Haywood	64	8	72	23	49	Washington	38	8	46	3	43
Henderson	64	13	77	19	58	Watauga	72	10	82	6	76
Hertford	149	17	166	10	156	Wayne	23	9	32	0	32
Hoke	27	3	30	0	30	Wilkes	314	70	384	7	377
Hyde	28	7	35	1	34	Wilson	31	7	38	0	38
Iredell	96	50	146	0	146	Yadkin	111	34	145	0	145
Jackson	87	8	95	32	63	Yancey	165	32	197	11	186

Totals **11,395** **2,361** **13,756** **905** **12,851**

Reported Spring Harvest in the Last 10 Years:

2000	6,827	2005	9,824
2001	8,467	2006	11,706
2002	9,438	2007	10,082
2003	9,862	2008	11,313
2004	8,846	2009	12,579

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLE
at Charlotte, N.C., Eastern Standard Time

	Aug 2010	Sept 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	July 2011
Date	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.	Rise/Set a.m./p.m.
01	6:32/8:27	6:56/7:50	7:18/7:07	7:45/6:29	7:13/5:11	7:32/5:22	7:23/5:51	6:53/6:19	7:10/7:45	6:32/8:09	6:10/8:32	6:12/8:42
02	6:33/8:26	6:57/7:49	7:19/7:06	7:46/6:28	7:14/5:11	7:32/5:23	7:22/5:53	6:52/6:20	7:09/7:45	6:31/8:10	6:10/8:33	6:13/8:42
03	6:34/8:25	6:57/7:47	7:20/7:04	7:47/6:27	7:15/5:11	7:32/5:24	7:21/5:54	6:51/6:20	7:08/7:46	6:30/8:11	6:10/8:34	6:13/8:42
04	6:35/8:24	6:58/7:46	7:20/7:03	7:48/6:26	7:16/5:11	7:32/5:24	7:20/5:55	6:49/6:21	7:06/7:47	6:29/8:11	6:09/8:34	6:14/8:42
05	6:35/8:23	6:59/7:45	7:21/7:02	7:48/6:25	7:17/5:11	7:32/5:25	7:19/5:56	6:48/6:22	7:05/7:48	6:28/8:12	6:09/8:35	6:14/8:41
06	6:36/8:22	6:59/7:43	7:22/7:00	7:49/6:24	7:18/5:11	7:32/5:26	7:19/5:57	6:47/6:23	7:04/7:49	6:27/8:13	6:09/8:35	6:15/8:41
07	6:37/8:21	7:00/7:42	7:23/6:59	7:49/6:23	7:19/5:11	7:32/5:27	7:18/5:58	6:45/6:24	7:02/7:49	6:26/8:14	6:09/8:36	6:15/8:41
08	6:38/8:20	7:01/7:40	7:24/6:58	7:49/6:22	7:19/5:11	7:32/5:28	7:17/5:59	6:44/6:25	7:01/7:50	6:25/8:15	6:09/8:36	6:16/8:41
09	6:38/8:19	7:02/7:39	7:24/6:56	7:49/6:21	7:20/5:11	7:32/5:29	7:16/6:00	6:43/6:26	6:59/7:51	6:25/8:16	6:08/8:37	6:16/8:41
10	6:39/8:18	7:02/7:38	7:25/6:55	7:49/6:20	7:21/5:11	7:32/5:30	7:15/6:01	6:41/6:26	6:58/7:52	6:24/8:16	6:08/8:37	6:17/8:40
11	6:40/8:17	7:03/7:36	7:26/6:53	7:49/6:19	7:22/5:11	7:32/5:30	7:14/6:02	6:40/6:27	6:57/7:53	6:23/8:17	6:08/8:38	6:18/8:40
12	6:41/8:15	7:04/7:35	7:27/6:52	7:49/6:18	7:22/5:12	7:32/5:31	7:13/6:03	6:39/6:28	6:55/7:53	6:22/8:18	6:08/8:38	6:18/8:40
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***BOLDFACE TYPE = DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (MARCH 14-NOVEMBER 7, 2010 AND MARCH 13-NOVEMBER 6, 2011)**

To determine sunrise and sunset times for the following N.C. locations, add or subtract minutes as indicated below from the Sunrise and Sunset Table at top of this page:

COUNTY	DIFFERS FROM CHARLOTTE	COUNTY	DIFFERS FROM CHARLOTTE	COUNTY	DIFFERS FROM CHARLOTTE
ALAMANCE COUNTY	-4.00	FORSYTH COUNTY	-1.00	ONSLAW COUNTY	-14.00
ALEXANDER COUNTY	+3.00	FRANKLIN COUNTY	-9.00	ORANGE COUNTY	-5.00
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	+3.00	GASTON COUNTY	+2.00	PAMLICO COUNTY	-16.00
ANSON COUNTY	-3.00	GATES COUNTY	-14.00	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	-17.00
ASHE COUNTY	+5.00	GRAHAM COUNTY	+12.00	PENDER COUNTY	-13.00
AVERY COUNTY	+6.00	GRANVILLE COUNTY	-7.00	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	-16.00
BEAUFORT COUNTY	-14.00	GREENE COUNTY	-12.00	PERSON COUNTY	-5.00
BERTIE COUNTY	-14.00	GUILFORD COUNTY	-3.00	PITT COUNTY	-13.00
BLADEN COUNTY	-10.00	HALIFAX COUNTY	-11.00	POLK COUNTY	+6.00
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	-12.00	HARNETT COUNTY	-8.00	RANDOLPH COUNTY	-3.00
BUNCOMBE COUNTY	+8.00	HAYWOOD COUNTY	+9.00	RICHMOND COUNTY	-5.00
BURKE COUNTY	+4.00	HENDERSON COUNTY	+7.00	ROBESON COUNTY	-8.00
CABARRUS COUNTY	-1.00	HERTFORD COUNTY	-14.00	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	-2.00
CALDWELL COUNTY	+4.00	HOKE COUNTY	-7.00	ROWAN COUNTY	-1.00
CAMDEN COUNTY	-17.00	HYDE COUNTY	-17.00	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	+5.00
CARTERET COUNTY	-17.00	IREDELL COUNTY	+1.00	SAMPSON COUNTY	-10.00
CASWELL COUNTY	-4.00	JACKSON COUNTY	+10.00	SCOTLAND COUNTY	-6.00
CATAWBA COUNTY	+2.00	JOHNSTON COUNTY	-9.00	STANLY COUNTY	-2.00
CHATHAM COUNTY	-6.00	JONES COUNTY	-14.00	STOKES COUNTY	0.00
CHEROKEE COUNTY	+13.00	LEE COUNTY	-6.00	SURRY COUNTY	+2.00
CHOWAN COUNTY	-15.00	LENOIR COUNTY	-13.00	SWAIN COUNTY	+11.00
CLAY COUNTY	+12.00	LINCOLN COUNTY	+2.00	TRANSLYVANIA COUNTY	+8.00
CLEVELAND COUNTY	+3.00	MACON COUNTY	+10.00	TYRRELL COUNTY	-17.00
COLUMBUS COUNTY	-10.00	MADISON COUNTY	+8.00	UNION COUNTY	-1.00
Craven County	-15.00	MARTIN COUNTY	-14.00	VANCE COUNTY	-8.00
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	-8.00	McDowell County	+6.00	WAKE COUNTY	-8.00
CURRITUCK COUNTY	-17.00	Mecklenburg County	0.00	WARREN COUNTY	-9.00
DARE COUNTY	-18.00	MITCHELL COUNTY	+7.00	WASHINGTON COUNTY	-15.00
DAVIDSON COUNTY	-1.00	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	-3.00	WATAUGA COUNTY	+5.00
DAVIE COUNTY	0.00	MOORE COUNTY	-5.00	WAYNE COUNTY	-11.00
DUPLIN COUNTY	-12.00	NASH COUNTY	-10.00	WILKES COUNTY	+3.00
DURHAM COUNTY	-6.00	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	-13.00	WILSON COUNTY	-11.00
EDGEcombe County	-12.00	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	-12.00	YADKIN COUNTY	+1.00
				YANCEY COUNTY	+7.00

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- ◆ Request a *Regulations Digest* or *Permit Hunting Opportunities Guide*
- ◆ Purchase a subscription to *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine
- ◆ Check out Wildlife Profiles
- ◆ Report a Big Game Harvest
- ◆ Check status of permit hunts
- ◆ Renew vessel registration
- ◆ View updated game land maps
- ◆ Find a local shooting range
- ◆ Browse for habitat management publications



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