

1 15A NCAC 10D .0102 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

- 5 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means a structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed from  
6 manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of the day's hunt.  
7 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or  
8 self-defense.  
9 (3) "Youth" means individuals under 16 years of age.

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

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

1 (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" the use by the  
2 public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

2 (1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, a person entering a game land to hunt,  
3 trap, run dogs, or train dogs using wildlife shall have in his or her possession a valid North Carolina  
4 hunting or trapping license.

5 (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants, as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114, in  
6 a field trial using wildlife shall possess a North Carolina hunting license, except non-residents may  
7 substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.

8 (3) For other field trials using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall  
9 possess a North Carolina hunting license.

10 (4) Exceptions:

11 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal  
12 guardian;

13 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103 (j)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is  
14 required for hunting doves; other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.

15 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. An individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial  
16 area shall file an application with the Commission to use the area with the facility use fee computed at the rate of three  
17 hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from  
18 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled  
19 day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which trials are not run but the building  
20 or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day shall be charged to sporting,  
21 educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or  
22 other entity shall enter or use the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox  
23 Trial facility without written approval from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no entry  
24 or use of a facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities  
25 shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than  
26 20 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during a calendar month, and no  
27 more than five days may be scheduled during a calendar week. A field trial requiring more than five days may be  
28 scheduled during one week with reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that  
29 the monthly maximum of 20 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial  
30 Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between the Wednesday on or nearest October  
31 18 and the second Friday before Thanksgiving and between the first Monday following Thanksgiving and March 31  
32 shall submit its proposed schedule of use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for consideration and approval. ~~The~~  
33 ~~use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills~~  
34 ~~Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1.~~  
35 Training dogs is prohibited at the Sandhills Field Trial facilities. Unless otherwise specified in Rules of this Subchapter  
36 and except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission, Dogs may dogs shall  
37 not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on game lands located west of I-95, or I-

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Camping.

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

(2) Camping on posted camping areas is allowed from September 1 through the last day of February and from March 31 through May 31 unless otherwise specified in Rules of this Subchapter.

(3) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at a designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period, unless otherwise specified in rules of this Subchapter. After 14 consecutive days of camping, personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.

~~(3)~~(4) A hunting, fishing, trapping or Game Lands License is required for individuals age 16 or older to camp on game lands in areas posted for camping except when camping within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land, within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land west of NC-43, and in posted areas along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.

(j) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds, domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without written authorization. Written authorization shall be given when release of animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native wildlife in the area and is in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(k) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use on game lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (l) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from this restriction but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other all-terrain wheelchairs on areas where foot travel is allowed. Off road vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, and ebikes are not permitted.

(l) Disabled Access Program. Disabled individuals who meet the requirements of G.S. 113-296 may obtain a Disabled Access Permit and Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org). The Disabled Access Permit allows individuals to operate electric wheel chairs, all-terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to that use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated online, at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is constantly in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in lawful activities while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. A vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to game lands under this provision shall have the Disabled Access Permit available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers upon request. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-270.3; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305; 113-306;*  
8 *143-318.10;*  
9 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
10 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; April 1, 1992;*  
11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 11, 1993;*  
12 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994;*  
13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
14 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
15 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 31, 2001;*  
16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;*  
17 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004; (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
18 *2003);*  
19 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; January 1, 2012; June 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
20 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; November 1, 2005;*  
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2014;*  
22 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2023; August 1, 2022; August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020; August 1, 2017;*  
23 *August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
24 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023;*  
25 *Amended Eff. June 1 2025; November 1, 2023.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0205 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0205 BLADEN LAKES STATE FOREST GAME LAND IN BLADEN COUNTY**

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

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

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
18 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0211 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND**  
4 **WAKE COUNTIES**

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

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

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
29 *Eff. November 1, 2022;*  
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0212 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0212 BUXTON WOODS GAME LAND IN DARE COUNTY**

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

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

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
11 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0215 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0215 R. WAYNE BAILEY-CASWELL GAME LAND IN CASWELL COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

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

1 15A NCAC 10D .0217 is proposed for repeal as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0217 CHOWAN GAME LAND IN CHOWAN COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

10 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0218 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0218 CHOWAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BERTIE, GATES, AND HERTFORD**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

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

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
22 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0229 is proposed for amendment as follows:

3 **15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES**

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

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

30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
31 *Temporary Adoption Eff. December 1, 2022;*  
32 *Eff. March 15, ~~2023~~, 2023;*  
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2025.*  
34

1 15A NCAC 10D .0232 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY**

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

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

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
20 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 2022;*  
22 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; June 1, 2023.*  
23

1 15A NCAC 10D .0236 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0236 HOLLY SHELTER GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY**

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

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

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33 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
34 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0239 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0239   JOHNS RIVER GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

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

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

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

14 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

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

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0240 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

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

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
28 *Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
29 *Eff. March 15, 2023;*  
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0241 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0241 JUNIPER CREEK GAME LAND IN BRUNSWICK AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES**

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

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

6 (2) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
7 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas ~~both designated and~~ posted as for camping areas. as specified in Rule .0102  
8 of this Subchapter.

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

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
12 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0249 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0249 MAYO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY**

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

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

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15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
16 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0258 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND**  
4 **STANLY COUNTIES**

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

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

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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
17 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0260 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL,**  
4 **HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL,**  
5 **TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

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

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

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
22 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0265 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0265 ROANOKE RIVER WETLANDS IN BERTIE, HALIFAX, MARTIN, AND**  
4 **NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES**

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

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

13  
14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
15 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0267 is proposed for repeal as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0267 ROBESON GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

10 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*



1 15A NCAC 10D .0271 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

6 (1) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from the Wednesday on or  
7 nearest October 18 through March 31 except as follows:

8 (a) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on the open days of the  
9 archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder  
10 firearms and archery equipment the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through  
11 the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be  
12 taken with all lawful weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through  
13 the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;

14 (b) dove may be taken on open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third  
15 Saturday thereafter;

16 (c) gray and fox squirrel may be taken on open days from the second Saturday before  
17 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;

18 (d) rabbit may be taken on open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day  
19 through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;

20 (e) waterfowl may be taken on open days during waterfowl season;

21 (f) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit  
22 Hunt; and

23 (g) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest  
24 October 15 through the last day of February.

25 (2) Antlered or Antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the  
26 Saturday on or nearest to September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.

27 (3) Antlered or Antlerless deer may be taken with Blackpowder firearms or archery equipment on open  
28 hunting days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the  
29 second week thereafter.

30 ~~(2)(4) The Antlered deer may be taken with all lawful weapons on Deer With Visible Antlers season is the~~  
31 ~~open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday~~  
32 ~~after Thanksgiving Day Day, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.~~

33 (5) Antlerless deer hunting during the All Lawful Weapons Season is by permit only.

34 (6) Antlered deer may be taken with Blackpowder firearms or archery equipment, except on the J.  
35 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, on open hunting days from the third Monday after  
36 Thanksgiving Day through January 1.

- (3) ~~The archery season is on open days from the Saturday on or nearest to September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (4) ~~Blackpowder firearms season is the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (5) ~~Antlered and antlerless deer hunting during the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers is by permit only.~~
- ~~(6)~~(7) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- ~~(7)~~(8) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(8)~~(9) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from the Wednesday on or nearest October 18 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- ~~(9)~~(10) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- ~~(10)~~(11) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- ~~(11)~~(12) Swimming is prohibited in the lakes.
- (13) Fox squirrel hunting is by permit only.
- (14) Hunting deer with dogs is by permit only.
- (15) Training dogs for the purpose of pursuing or chasing deer is prohibited.
- (16) An individual convicted of a wildlife or trespass violation while hunting deer with dogs shall not be eligible to receive a permit for hunting deer with dogs the season following conviction.

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

1 15A NCAC 10D .0275 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0275 SHOCCO CREEK GAME LAND IN FRANKLIN, HALIFAX, NASH, AND**  
4 **WARREN COUNTIES**

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

6 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
7 Season through the second Friday thereafter.

8 (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.

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

12 (4) Target Shooting is prohibited.

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

15 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0276 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL,**  
4 **AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

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

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

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26 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
27 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
28 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 5, 2024;*  
29 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2024.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0278 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0278 SUGGS MILL POND GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND CUMBERLAND**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

6 (1) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~  
7 ~~14 in~~ allowed on areas ~~both designated and posted as for camping areas, as specified in Rule .0102~~  
8 of this Subchapter.

9 (2) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:

10 (a) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and

11 (b) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.

12 (3) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on  
13 Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl  
14 hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources  
15 Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

16 (4) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl  
17 impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and  
18 current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S.  
19 113-264(d).

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

1 15A NCAC 10D .0283 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0283 THURMOND CHATHAM GAME LAND IN ALLEGHANY AND WILKES**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

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

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
15 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*  
16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0291 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0291 WHITEHALL PLANTATION GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND PENDER**  
4 **COUNTIES**

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

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

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*  
13 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0294 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0294 NORTH BEND GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

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

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

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