

Wildlife Education Rule Proposal for 2027-2028

E1. Shooting Ranges – Definitions and Restrictions

15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

15A NCAC 10E .0201-.0203 SHOOTING RANGES

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE

Remove the shooting range rules from the Game Lands portion of the NCAC and codify specific rules for agency owned and managed shooting ranges. The proposed rule will include general restrictions for all visitors, specific regulations for firearm handling, archery equipment standards, trap and skeet range rules, ammunition standards, target requirements, and provisions for staff to maintain a safe environment.

JUSTIFICATION

Current shooting range rules exist in the Game Lands section of the NCAC. These rules are outdated and do not address many of the issues staff are facing at the facilities, including unruly patrons and unsafe firearms handling. Codifying new rules for shooting ranges will improve range safety for both staff and the public and improve the ability of law enforcement to handle patrons who fail to comply with agency safety standards.