

1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

4 (a) The following shall be prohibited on game lands:

- 5 (1) hunting on a designated game land while under the influence of an impairing substance, as defined
6 by G.S. 20-4.01(14a); ~~20-4.01(48b)~~;
- 7 (2) failing to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the
8 Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands;
- 9 (3) parking a vehicle on game lands in a manner that blocks traffic or gates, or prevents vehicles from
10 using a roadway; and
- 11 (4) affixing nails, screws, bolts, or applying paint to vegetation. This prohibition does not apply to
12 mounting hardware for game cameras, lag screw steps, or portable stands that are removed after use
13 with no metal remaining in or attached to the vegetation.
- 14 (5) erecting or occupying a tree stand or platform whose construction violates Subparagraph (4) of this
15 Rule.
- 16 ~~(4) erecting or occupying a tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or to a tree on a game~~
17 ~~land to hunt. This prohibition does not apply to lag screw steps or portable stands that are removed~~
18 ~~after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.~~

19 (b) Unless allowed by permit, hunting on game lands shall be during the open season for game animals and game
20 birds.

21 (c) Individual game lands or parts of game lands may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this
22 Subchapter.

23 (d) Persons shall hunt with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons.

24 (e) On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

- 25 (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
- 26 (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
- 27 (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
- 28 (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. daily; and
- 29 (5) not operate a vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

30 (f) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:

- 31 (1) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.;
- 32 (2) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
- 33 (3) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-
34 54.1(b), or an accessory structure thereof; and
- 35 (4) hunting migratory game birds.

36 (g) On designated Youth Waterfowl Days, the following shall apply:

- 37 (1) hunting on managed waterfowl impoundments shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset;

(2) Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule; and

(3) youth may hunt on a game land and on an impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(h) On designated Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule shall apply.

(i) On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone."

(j) Definitions:

(1) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.

(2) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Hunting is not allowed on Christmas Day, Veterans Day, and New Year's Day when these holidays fall on Sunday. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to antlerless deer hunting seasons listed for each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

(3) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the open seasons. Falconry may be practiced on Sundays.

(4) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(5) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

(6) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Permit" means a written authorization from the Commission required for take or other activities listed on the permit during open seasons, if applicable, in a specified area and subject to annual limitations imposed by the Commission to meet wildlife, hunter,

or land management objectives, unless otherwise specified. Individuals may apply for available permits online at ncwildlife.org, by phone, or in person at a wildlife service agent location. The Commission shall issue permits to applicants selected at random by computer in accordance with G.S. 113-264. Permits shall be non-transferrable. The laws and rules regarding the species or activity shall apply.

(7) For the purposes of this Subchapter, "Either-Sex" means antlered or antlerless.

(k) Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(l) On permit hunts, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or by phone.

(m) The following game lands and refuges are closed to hunting except to individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

(1) Bertie, Halifax, and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;

(2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;

(3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;

(4) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);

(5) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and

(6) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

(n) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission may be granted when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge shall not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

(o) The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on the permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on the permit.

(p) As used in the rules of this Subchapter, horseback riding includes all equine species.

(q) When waterfowl hunting is authorized on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;

Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September

1 *1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*
2 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*
3 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
4 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
5 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
6 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
7 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*
8 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*
9 *January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*
10 *1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October*
11 *1, 2004;*
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*
13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2020; August 1, 2019;*
14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 25, 2020;*
15 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2021;*
16 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2022; October 1, 2022; August 23, 2022;*
17 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023;*
18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0202 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0202 ANGOLA BAY GAME LAND IN DUPLIN AND PENDER COUNTIES**

4 Angola Bay 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 all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
6 Season.
7 (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
8 (3) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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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. October 1, 2022.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0210 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0210 BULLARD AND BRANCH HUNTING PRESERVE GAME LANDS IN ROBESON**
4 **COUNTY**

5 Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Land ~~game land~~ is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following
6 applies:

- 7 (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
8 Season.
9 (2) Bear shall not be taken ~~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 .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~~ the portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls
18 Lake.
- 19 (7) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to
20 hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game
21 animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May ~~15~~ 16 through
22 August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May ~~14~~ 15.
- 23 (8) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May~~
24 ~~14~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- 25 (9) Camping is allowed year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall
26 not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping
27 area.
- 28 (10) Entry on the New Light Beach Tract (Wake County) for purposes other than hunting, fishing, and
29 trapping is prohibited.

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31 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
32 *Eff. November 1, 2022;*
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2026; August 1, 2023.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0213 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0213 CAPE FEAR RIVER WETLANDS GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY**

4 Cape Fear River Wetlands 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 all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
6 Season.
7 (2) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on ~~that portion known as~~ the Roan Island Tract.
8 (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion ~~of the game land that is~~ west of the
9 Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC
10 210 to the Black River.
11 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
12 (5) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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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.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0214 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0214 CARTERET COUNTY GAME LAND IN CARTERET COUNTY**

4 Carteret County 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) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
8 (3) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
9 (4) Bear shall not be taken ~~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 .0221 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0221 CROATAN GAME LAND IN CARTERET, CRAVEN, AND JONES COUNTIES**

4 Croatan 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) Waterfowl shall 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) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons,
12 waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl
13 Impoundment is by permit only.
- 14 (4) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During
15 the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 16 (5) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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18 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
19 Eff. October 1, 2022.
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0222 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0222 CURRITUCK BANKS GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY**

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

- 5 (1) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only
6 from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.
- 7 (2) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do
8 not use a firearm.
- 9 (3) The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- 10 (4) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their
11 hunt.
- 12 (5) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to
13 a tree.
- 14 (6) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 15 (7) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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

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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(e), waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments
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 seasons.
- 12 (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October, through the end of all waterfowl
13 seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico
14 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, and March 31 through May~~
20 ~~14 in areas both designated and~~ allowed on areas posted ~~as for~~ camping ~~areas as specified in Rule~~
21 .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 N.C. 33, except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south
26 of Campbell Creek.
- 27 (8) Bear shall not be ~~taken~~ harvested on Sunday.
- 28 (9) Hunting for deer, bear, and turkey on the Bates-Bay Tract is by permit only.

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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;*
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2026; August 1, 2025.*
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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~~
8 ~~14.~~ 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, entry is restricted to permit
11 holders. ~~the use of bicycles is 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, 2026; August 1, 2025; 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 ~~taken~~ 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~~. 2022;*

13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2026.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0246 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0246 LIGHT GROUND POCOSIN GAME LAND IN PAMLICO COUNTY**

4 Light Ground Pocosin 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) Bear shall not be taken ~~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 .0251 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0251 NANTAHALA GAME LAND IN CHEROKEE, CLAY, GRAHAM, JACKSON,**
4 **MACON, AND SWAIN COUNTIES ~~SWAIN, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES~~**

5 ~~(a)~~ Nantahala Game Land ~~game land~~ is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies: ~~Area.~~

6 ~~(b)(1)~~ Antlerless deer shall not be taken during the All Lawful Weapons Season. ~~In this game land Deer~~
7 ~~of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season~~
8 ~~in that portion located in Transylvania County.~~

9 ~~(c)(2)~~ Dogs may be used to hunt feral swine during the open bear season established in 15A NCAC 10B
10 .0202 and from January 1 through January 31.

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

13 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0254 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0254 NEW LAKE GAME LAND IN HYDE AND TYRRELL COUNTIES**

4 New Lake 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 all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
6 Season.

7 (2) Bear shall not be taken ~~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 .0256 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0256 NORTH RIVER GAME LAND IN CAMDEN AND CURRITUCK COUNTIES**

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

- 5 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
6 Antlers Season.
7 (2) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
8 (3) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only. ~~permit~~.
9 (4) All activities on the North River Game Land Waterfowl Impoundments except waterfowl hunting
10 and trapping during the trapping season are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone from
11 November 1 through March 15.
12 (5) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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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 .0257 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0257 NORTHWEST RIVER MARSH GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY**

4 Northwest River Marsh 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 all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
6 Season.
7 (2) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
8 (3) Bear shall not be taken ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.
9 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

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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 .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 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), Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties), Lutz Tract (Caldwell
11 County), and Roaring Creek Tract (Avery County). ~~(and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell,~~
12 ~~and Mitchell counties).~~
- 13 (3) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke
14 County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of
15 an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.
- 16 (4) Alcohol and fires are prohibited on the Lutz Tract (Caldwell County).
- 17 (5) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County),
18 Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties), Lutz Tract (Caldwell County),
19 and Roaring Creek Tract (Avery County). ~~(and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and~~
20 ~~Mitchell counties).~~
- 21 (6) Entry on the Lutz Tract (Caldwell County) for purposes other than hunting, fishing, trapping, and
22 posted use of trails and parking areas is prohibited.

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24 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
25 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 7, 2025;*
27 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2026.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0270 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0270 SAMPSON GAME LAND IN SAMPSON COUNTY**

4 Sampson ~~Game Land~~ ~~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) Target shooting is prohibited.
8 (3) Bear shall not be ~~taken~~ ~~harvested~~ on Sunday.

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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. October 1, 2022.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0279 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0279 SUGGS SUTTON LAKE GAME LAND IN NEW HANOVER AND BRUNSWICK**
4 **COUNTIES**

5 Suggs Sutton Lake 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 first Friday thereafter.
8 (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
9 (3) Bear shall not be taken ~~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 .0284 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0284 TILLERY GAME LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY**

4 Tillery 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) Horseback riding is prohibited.
8 (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
9 (4) ~~Wild turkey Quail, wild turkey, and woodcock~~ hunting is by permit only.
10 (5) Target Shooting is prohibited.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
13 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0290 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0290 WHITE OAK RIVER GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY**

4 White Oak River ~~Game Land~~ ~~game land~~ is a Three 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) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

8 ~~(2) Except as provided in Item (3) of this Rule, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be~~
9 ~~taken only on the following days:~~

10 ~~(a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~

11 ~~(b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~

12 ~~(c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~

13 ~~(3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl~~
14 ~~seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.~~

15 ~~(4)~~(3) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:

16 (a) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity
17 Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);

18 (b) hunting is by permit only; and

19 (c) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

20 ~~(5)~~(4) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

21 ~~(6)~~(5) Target ~~Shooting~~ shooting is prohibited.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
24 *Eff. November 1, 2022.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0296 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0296 BIG SWAMP GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY**

4 Big Swamp Game Land is a Three 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) The use of dogs for hunting deer or bear is prohibited.

8 (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

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