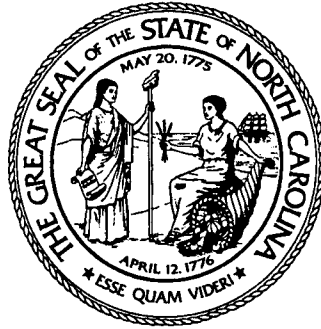


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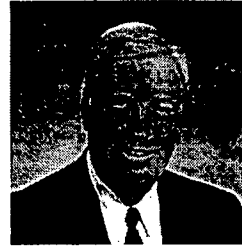
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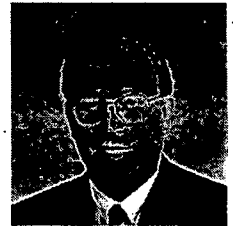
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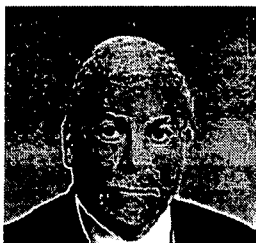
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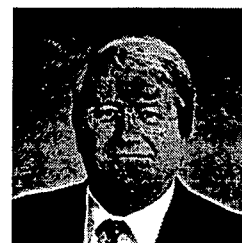
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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North Carolina General Assembly
Through House Committee on
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Bill	Introducer	Short Title	Latest Action	In Date	Out Date
H0422	Womble	FORSYTH FISHING ALLOWANCE.	HR Ch. SL 2005-257	03-01-05	03-30-05
H0505	Sherrill	WRC STUDY SUNDAY HUNTING.	*H Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	03-07-05	03-31-05
H0772	Williams	BAN INTERNET HUNTING.- AB	HR Ch. SL 2005-62	03-17-05	03-30-05
H0787	Wilson	VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-433	05-16-05	05-26-05
H0798	Lewis	REPEAL HARNETT COUNTY FOX HUNTING LAW.	HR Ch. SL 2005-28	03-21-05	04-06-05
H0811	Williams	AMEND PITT COUNTY HUNTING LAW.	HR Ch. SL 2005-42	03-24-05	04-06-05
H0820	Wilkins	AMEND PERSON FOX TRAPPING.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-262	03-21-05	05-11-05
H0921	Owens	CURRITUCK DEER HUNTING.	HR Ch. SL 2005-15	03-28-05	04-06-05
H0949	Owens	CURRITUCK BEAR HUNTING.	H Ref To Com On State and Local Government	03-29-05	05-04-05
H0982	Crawford	VANCE COUNTY HUNTING.	HR Ch. SL 2005-31	03-30-05	04-20-05
H1010	Tolson	WILSON COUNTY HUNTING.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-264	03-31-05	04-07-05
H1012	Sutton	HUNTING AND FISHING ON TRIBAL LAND.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-285	03-31-05	04-20-05
H1206	Williams	DOG TRAINING WITH WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-76	04-13-05	05-09-05
H1277	Faison	CLARIFY HUNTER SAFETY.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-438	04-19-05	05-04-05
H1395	Faison	AMEND BEAR BAITING PROHIBITION.	HR Ch. SL 2005-298	04-21-05	05-04-05
H1430	Stiller	OBSTRUCTING USE OF BOAT RAMP.	*HR Ch. SL 2005-164	04-21-05	05-09-05
H2292	Hunter	PERQUIMANS BEAR HUNTING.	*H Ref To Com On State and Local Government	05-22-06	06-22-06
H2299	Steen	WILDLIFE ISSUES LRC.	*H Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	05-22-06	06-22-06
H2653	Allred	ALAMANCE FOX TRAPPING.	HR Ch. SL 2006-125	05-25-06	06-21-06
S0844	Charles W. Alber	MANAGED HUNTS.	HR Ch. SL 2005-82	05-18-05	06-01-05

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'=' indicates that the original bill is identical to another bill.

Linda Uzzle (Rep. Arthur Williams)

From: Linda Uzzle (Rep. Arthur Williams)
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2005 10:15 AM
To: @House/Wildlife Resources
Cc: Linda Uzzle (Rep. Arthur Williams)
Subject: Wildlife Resources Committee Organizational Meeting

**NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE
2005-2006 SESSION**

You are hereby notified that the committee on Wildlife Resources will have an organizational meeting as follows:

DAY & TIME: Wednesday, March 23, 2005
TIME: 12 Noon
LOCATION: Room 1425, Legislative Building

Respectfully,

**Representative Arthur Williams
Representative Fred Steen
Co-Chairs**

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee clerk at the following office at 12:30 on March 17, 2005.

**Principal Clerk
Reading – House Chamber**

3/17/2005

AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

**Wednesday, March 23, 2005
Room 1425 LB
12:00 Noon**

OPENING REMARKS -

**Representative Arthur Williams, Co-Chairman
Representative Fred Steen, Co-Chairman**

AGENDA ITEMS –

**Richard Hamilton, Executive Director, NC Wildlife Commission
Fred Harris, Chief Deputy Director, NC Wildlife Commission
Cecilia Edgar, Deputy Director, NC Wildlife Commission**

**Mallory Martin or Carl Kittel, biologists from Inland Fisheries Division
Gordon Myers, Chief of Engineering Division (Boating Access)**

ADJOURNMENT

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

March 23, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources held an organizational meeting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building.

The following members were in attendance: Representatives Arthur Williams and Fred Steen, Co-Chairs, Representative Michael Wray, Vice-Chair, and Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gulley, Lucas and Wilkins. Staff members present were Barbara Riley and Tim Dodge.

A visitor's list was issued and is made a part of these minutes (Attachment 1).

Representative Williams called the meeting to order.

As this was an organizational meeting, members of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission were invited for introductory purposes and to make brief presentations.

Representing the Wildlife Resources Commission were Richard Hamilton, Executive Director, Fred Harris, Chief Deputy Director and Cecilia Edgar, Deputy Director.

Mr. Hamilton gave each Representative a list containing the various Administrative Services Divisions and contact persons for these divisions (attachment 2).

Mr. Mallory Martin, biologist from the Inland Fisheries Division, gave a brief presentation outlining the NCWRC fish hatcheries, their locations and their importance to the state. He also included angling statistics and how they are used in monitoring the locations for introduction of fish in certain areas of the state (Attachment 3).

Mr. Gordon Myers, Chief of Engineering Division (Boating Access) presented information on the number of boating access points in the state as well as how partnerships are formed to provide more access areas (Attachment 4).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.



Representative Arthur Williams



Linda Uzzle, Committee Clerk

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- North Carolina Wild
- North Carolina CATCH
- Becoming an Outdoors Woman
- Wildlife Education Centers

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Engineering Division

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- Design, Construction & Maintenance
- Waterway Marking
- Capital Project Coordination

Inland Fisheries Division

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- **Habitat Conservation**
- **Fish Hatcheries**
- **Community Fishing Program**
- **Fishing Tackle Loaner Program**
- **Fish for Fun**
- **Angler Recognition Program**

Personnel

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- **Benefits**
- **Training & Development**
- **Position Management**
- **Performance Management**
- **Recruitment**
- **Salary Administration**
- **Employee Records**
- **Worker's Compensation**

Wildlife Management Division

Mr. David Cobb, Chief (919) 733-7291, Ext. 286 david.cobb@ncwildlife.org

Wildlife & Lands Management

- *Surveys & Research*
- *Faunal Diversity Program*
- *Private Lands & Technical Guidance*

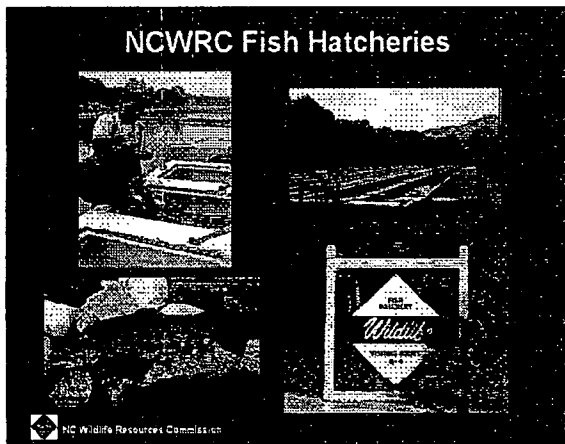
Administration & Planning

- *Grants/Contracts Management*
- *GIS Biologists*
- *Permits/Planning (Captive Cervid Program)*
- *Special Hunts/Permits (Wildlife Rehabilitation)*
- *Damage Control Agents*
- *Rules Coordination*

Non-Game & Endangered Wildlife

- *Captivity Licenses*
- *Propagation Licenses*
- *Rehabilitator Certification*
- *Special Permit Hunts*

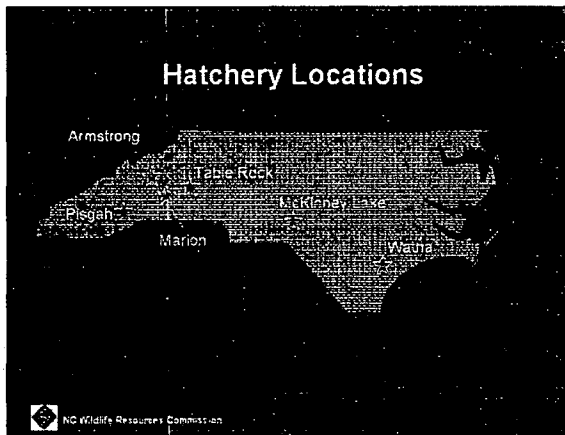
Hunts for Disabled Sportsmen



Our hatchery operations are only 1 piece of a diverse set of fishery programs in the DIF, inc: TG, Fish Mgt/Res & Surv, H₂O shed Enhancement, N&Aq Wild programs.

Today, I'll talk about importance

- program areas
- accomplishments



- WRC operates 6 hatcheries spread across capable of meeting a wide variety of fish needs
- Inc. 3 collected in vitro, a cool- & 2 WW in sandhills and coastal plain
- These function as a network to prod the fish spp required to meet fish mgt obj's.
- collectively raised and stocked 6.4 million 2004



- Fish hatcheries are imp for a variety of reasons and influence mgt capabilities in many areas - from Recreation - Restoration.
- One 1st role of hatcheries
- Imp is support of our fish mgt programs accomplished not only thru fish prod/stock but in research and eval. activities.



good example of fish mgmt support is Anishnaabeg
rest program on Keweenaw R.

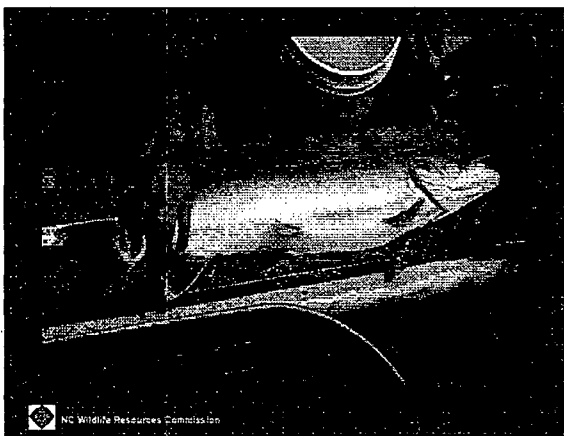
- female injection
- fry marked prior to stocking so biol can eval cont.
- 2.3 million in 2004
- Successful restoration programs are dependent on a highly-functional & integrated nation for success



- Hatcheries are also imp. maintaining/enhancing
fishable popns of sportfish.

- Diff. from restoration because goal
can be to create immediate fishery
or to ~~maintain~~ enhance fishable popns

where natural repro is ltd.



- Ex of Enhancement program - FAR MK fishery

- Our surveys indicate - among best in US,
but highly-dependent on stocking

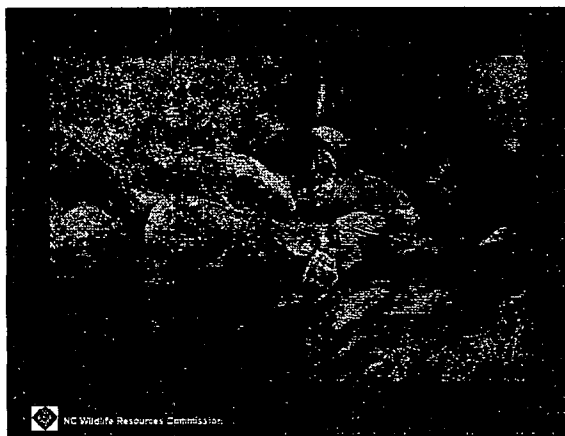
- In 2004, we stocked 475 12-in
juvenile mk in
FAR



- Ex of maintenance stocking is CFP
- This unique program conc. in urban pied and utilizes CC to provide fishing opps to a variety of parties, inc young future license buyers and supporters of fishing and CFP.
- CFP dependent on vol. supp
- In 2004; 165,000 CC



- Familiar w/ trout stocking prog in rivers
- Extremely popular, provides fish. opps and moderate catch rates in rivers/st that otherwise would not support fishable popns.



- Our trout stock prog provides 750K catchable-sized trout each year stocked into ~1000mi throughout 25 western counties in NC.
- ^{our} trout programs produce an estimated 1 million hours of angling opps for NC anglers that otherwise would not exist.

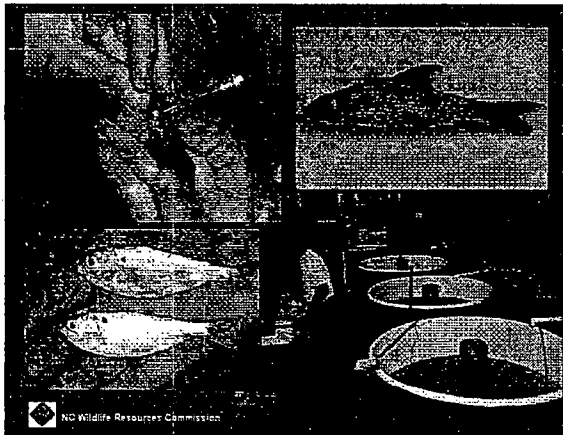
Importance of Fish Hatcheries

- Fisheries Management
- Fish Population Maintenance & Enhancement
- Research, Conservation, Public Education



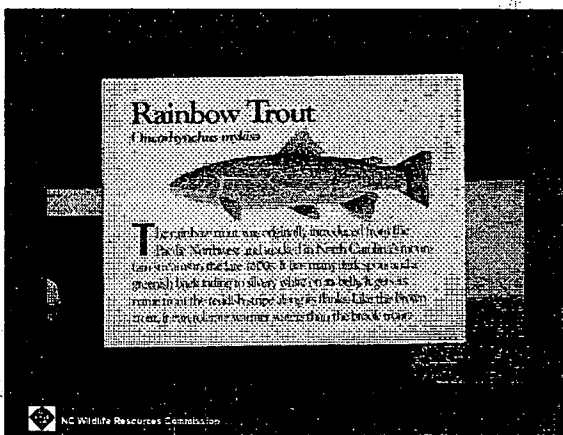
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- that are also imp. for activities not directly related to the production or stocking of fish
- Inc. Res, Cons, Edu.



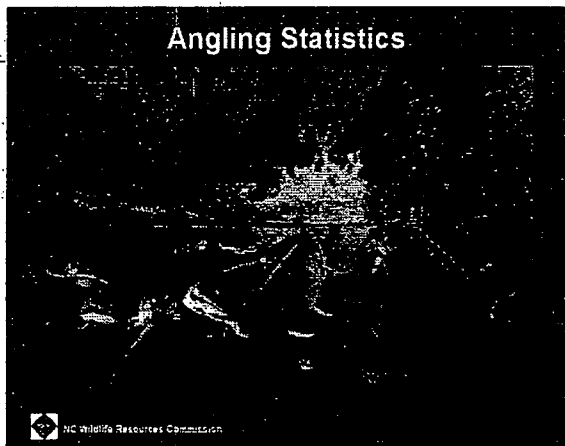
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- Hatcheries are used for research purposes that have broad implications beyond the creation of fishing opportunities.
- Things like...
- Tagging operations to evaluate survival & growth and effectiveness of tags
- Production of forage species
- We maintain the capability to do research on R.T.E. - In 2004, initiated w/NC

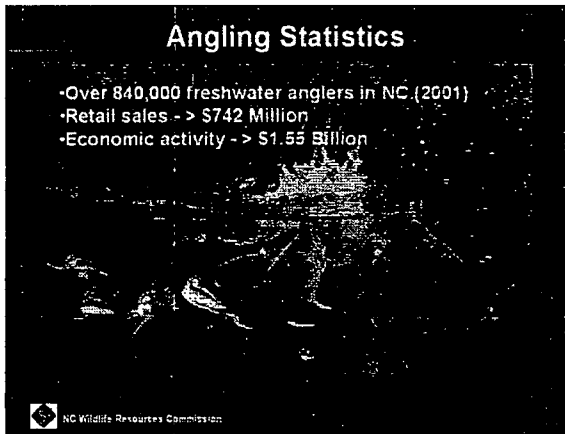


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- Fish Hatcheries serve as focal points for public education and interpretive activities.
- Pisgah Cent. Wildlife Educ. variety of interpretive activities for f&w mgmt and cons.
- Point is: Our nat. system serves the public for much more than only the raising / stocking of fish.

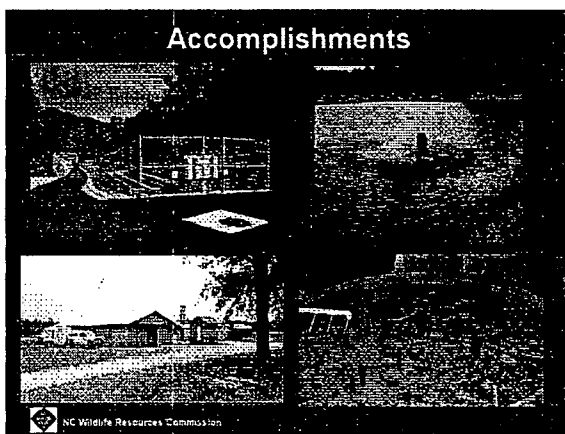


- Another way to look at the importance of hatcheries in NC is in terms of economic activity.

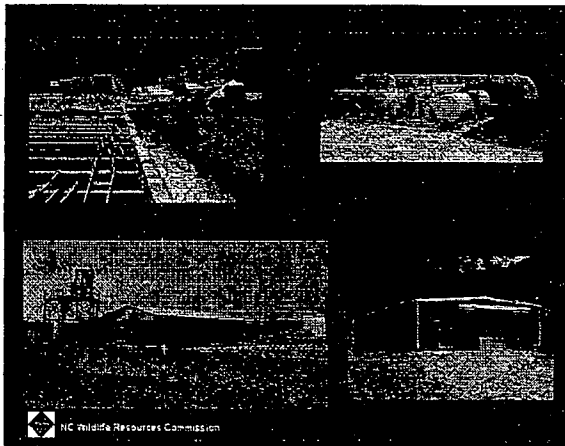


- In 2001, ... 840K

- We don't know how much attributed to H.S. activities; but even 50% or 20% is still a substantial dollar amount of economic activity that would not otherwise exist.



- Given the importance of our hatcheries to fish. mgmt., rec. fishing, & gen. econ.
 - Protect and enhance our capabilities to operate these facilities
 - ~ 10 yr ago, we began comp. ^{statewide} ^{hatchery} goal: upgrade deteriorating infrastructure.
 & incorporate sign. technology

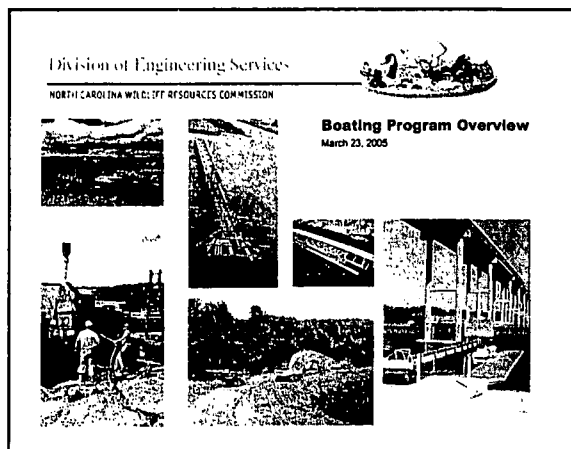


- So far, completed significant imp. projects at each of the Comm's 6 hnts. These range from - installation H₂O lines and recirc systems to replacing bldgs and coast ponds. All designed to strengthen the Comm's capability to be a leader in Fl. Aquac.

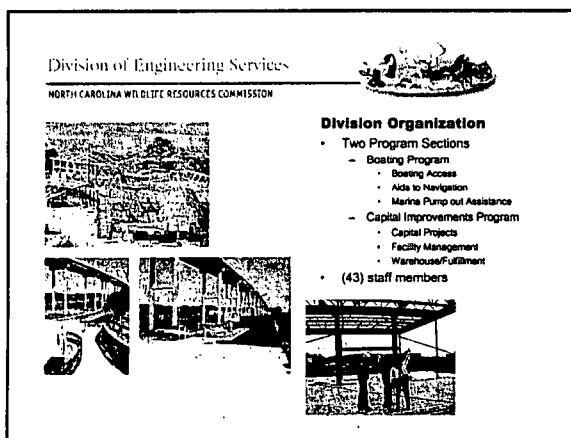


And the ultimate goal - continue cons. of resources and creation of public fishing opps, which in turn enhances quality of life for all North Carolinians.

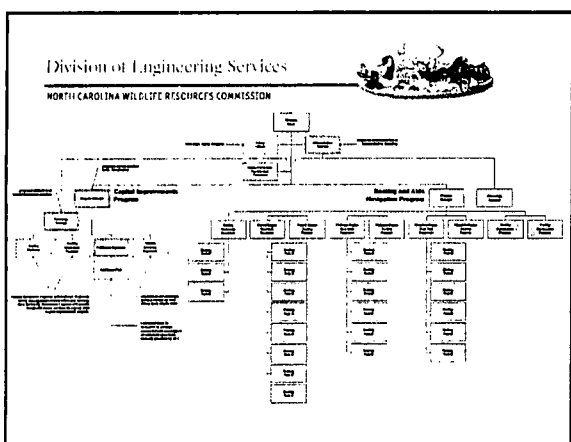
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our Programs
We Welcome the Chance
to Share with you

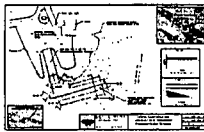


- Division administers
Two Program Groups
- ~~Components~~ Sub Programs Include
- Collectively 43 staff





- Illustrates Division Org
Chart
- Shaded Positions represent
Staff in Boating Program
- ~~Labor intensive field Based~~
- 85% field Based

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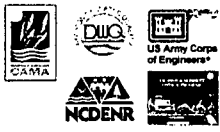
Boating Access

- Facility design and construction
- Operation and maintenance


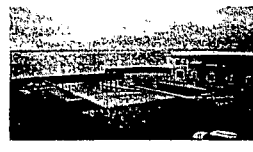
2 components of
Boating Access Program

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Boating Access


- Facility design and construction
 - Site selection, feasibility
 - Partnership development
 - fees, MOU, cost share, etc.
 - Facility design
 - Environmental assessment
 - Regulatory permitting
 - Construction

Facility design and
Construction encompasses
All or Project Development
from Concept to Complete
or Beginning w/ contact for
legislative representation to local gov-


This is where Partnerships
are developed, facilities
designed, permitted through
regulatory process and finally
constructed

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Boating Access Key Points

- User pay system funded through
 - Motorboat registrations
 - >\$50,000 lease
 - USFWS Sportfish Restoration Funds
 - Small portion of marine fuels tax
- 24 hour access, 365 days per year
- No launch fees
- Program expansion Fall 1999
 - Enabled concurrent development in all regions and helped ensure an equitable distribution of program resources
 - Improved quality control
 - field level technical expertise
 - field level project and personnel management



Key Points

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Example Project

- Straits Landing, Carteret County
- Example of a collaborative partnership
 - Carteret County
 - NCDOT
 - NCWRC
- Minimized impacts
 - limited footprint
 - avoid aquatic vegetation impacts

I picked this because
it is a great example of
collaboration and illustrates
design adaptation to meet
environmental conditions


NCDOT Describe

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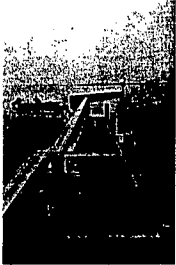

Pict in Lower Right
is essentially a retaining
Wall in the water eliminate
the sloughing and
controlling boat traffic
away from Sensitive Areas

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Completed Project

- Straits Landing, Carteret County

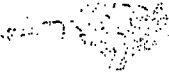


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Boating Access


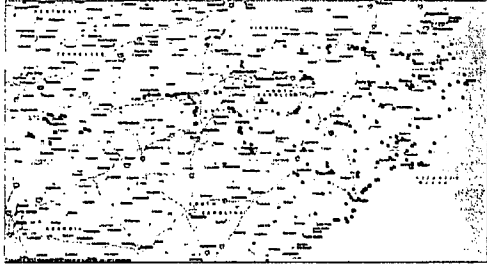
- Operation and maintenance
 - 197 Public Boating Access Areas
 - 40 Public Fishing Access Areas

Boating Access Facilities
White Pine Boating Access System


Very labor intensive
and field based
component

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Distribute of Sites

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Looking Ahead

- Boating Access
 - Continue to improve facility serviceability, safety and disabled user access
 - Standards committee
 - Disabled sportsmen advisory panel
 - Continue to develop partnerships
 - NCDOT, local government, power companies, Corps, etc.
 - Local contractor participation
 - Place boater money back into local economies
 - Develop local expertise
 - Boaters and communities benefit through improved facilities

Emphasize Wm W-
Scenario of Contract
Involvement

**MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

March 30, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met on Wednesday, March 29, 2005, in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building at 12:00 noon. The following members were present: Chairs-Representatives Steen and Williams, Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gillespie, Gulley, Harrell, Lucas, Rhodes, Wilkins, and Wray.

Chairman Steen called the meeting to order to consider the following bills:

Representative Wilkins was recognized to explain HB 820 – AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON THAT SEASON. Representative Williams made a motion to form a Sub Committee to study the bill. Representative Wilkins was appointed to chair the Sub Committee including Representatives Gillespie and Wray.

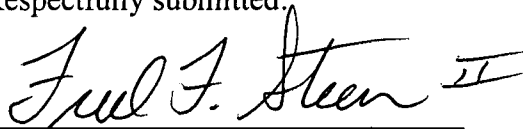
Representative Womble was recognized to explain HB 422 – AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO FISH IN THE WATERS OF TRIAD PARK WITHOUT A FISHING LICENSE. Representative Wilkins made a motion for a favorable report and the motion carried.

Representative Sherrill was recognized to explain HB 505 – AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING HUNTING ON SUNDAY AT A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATE GAME LANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA. Representative Gillespie proposed an amendment to change lines 15 – 16, rewriting that line to read “limiting hunting privileges to avoid conflict with religious services,” and further amends the bill on page 1 line 24 by adding after the word “operators,” the phrase “religious organizations.” Representative Gillespie made a motion to roll amendments into bill and accept the committee substitute, unfavorable to original bill. Motion carried.

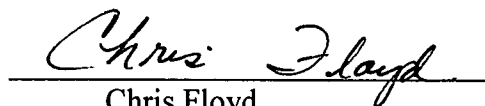
Representative Williams was recognized to explain HB 772 – AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING. Representative Gillespie made a motion for a favorable report and was seconded by Representative Faison. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Representative Fred Steen
Presiding Chair



Chris Floyd
Committee Assistant

AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Representative Steen, Presiding Chair

Representative Williams, Co-Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Room 1425 LB

12:00 Noon

OPENING REMARKS

AGENDA ITEMS

- HB 422** FORSYTH FISHING ALLOWANCE
Representative Womble, Parmon, Brown, McGee
- HB 505** WRC STUDY SUNDAY HUNTING
Representatives Sherrill, McComas, Gibson, and Preston
- HB 772** BAN INTERNET HUNTING.-AB
Representative Williams and Steen
- HB 820** AMEND PERSON FOX TRAPPING
Representatives Wilkins

ADJOURNMENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 820

Short Title: Amend Person Fox Trapping.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY
AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON THAT SEASON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

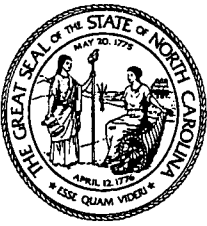
"**Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from ~~January 2 through January 31~~ June 30 through February 28 of each year. During this season, all leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor shall have at least three swivels in the trap chain and no leghold traps larger than size one and one-half may be used."

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act applies only to Person County.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

*appointed Seal Committee
Chair - Walker
Deputy - Wray*



HOUSE BILL 820: Amend Person Fox Trapping.

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BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Date: March 30, 2005
Version: First Edition

Introduced by: Representative Wilkins
Summary by: Tim Dodge, Legislative Analyst

SUMMARY: *House Bill 820 lengthens the season for taking foxes by trapping in Person County and eliminates the bag limits on taking foxes with weapons or by trapping in Person County.*

CURRENT LAW:

The open season for taking foxes by trapping in Hoke, Person, and Robeson Counties and a portion of Scotland County extends from January 2 through January 31 of each year (29 days). There is a separate open season for the taking of foxes with weapons in these four counties that extends from December 1 through January 1 of each year (31 days). A season bag limit of 30 animals applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during both seasons.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 820 would lengthen the season for taking foxes by trapping in Person County so that the season commences on June 30 and concludes on February 28 of each year (243 days). The bill would also repeal the bag limits on taking foxes with weapons or by trapping in Person County. The bill would not make any changes to the season lengths or bag limits in Hoke, Robeson, and the included portion of Scotland County.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

H820-SMSY-001

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen** (Chair) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 422 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO FISH IN THE WATERS OF TRIAD PARK WITHOUT A FISHING LICENSE.

☒ With a favorable report.

☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to (the original bill) (Committee Substitute Bill #), (and recommendation that the committee substitute bill #) be re-referred to the Committee on .)

☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.

☐ With an unfavorable report.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.

☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ Without prejudice.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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HOUSE BILL 422

Short Title: Forsyth Fishing Allowance. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Parmon, Brown, McGee (Primary Sponsors);
and Folwell.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 1, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO FISH IN
THE WATERS OF TRIAD PARK WITHOUT A FISHING LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the licensing requirements of
G.S. 113-270.1B, a resident of Forsyth County fishing with hook and line using natural
bait is entitled to the same exemption provided to residents of Guilford County under
G.S. 113-276(e) when fishing on waters located in Guilford County but within Triad
Park, a park jointly owned by Guilford and Forsyth Counties and situated in both
counties.

SECTION 2. This act applies only to Forsyth County.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HB 422: Forsyth Fishing Allowance

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife
Date: March 30, 2005
Version: 1st Edition

Introduced by: Representative Womble
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY:

House Bill 422 would provide residents of Forsyth County the same right to fish without a fishing license in waters located in the portion of Triad Park located in Guilford County as held by residents of Guilford County. Triad Park is jointly owned by both counties.

CURRENT LAW:

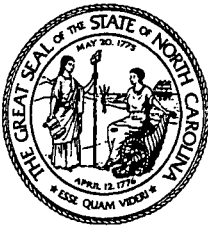
G.S. 113-276(e) exempts individuals fishing in their county of residence with a hook and line using natural bait from the hook and line license requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Triad Park is located in Forsyth and Guilford Counties and is owned by the two counties. A pond for fishing has been proposed for the park. The pond, however, is proposed for a part of the park located in Guilford County. Under the current law, Guilford County residents could fish at the park without a license. Forsyth County residents, however, would need to obtain a hook and line license to fish.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Under the provisions of HB 422 Forsyth County residents fishing in the pond at Triad Park would be able to fish without obtaining a hook and line license, as do Guilford County residents, even though the pond is located in Guilford County.



HB 772: Ban Internet Hunting

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife
Date: March 30, 2005
Version: 1st Edition

Introduced by: Representative Willilams
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY:

House Bill 772 would make it unlawful to engage in internet hunting, or to provide or operate a facility that allows others engage in internet hunting, if the animal being hunted or shot is located in North Carolina.

BACKGROUND:

"Canned hunting" has new twist. Canned hunts provide persons with the opportunity to shoot animals, particularly exotic animals, in a confined area. (North Carolina prohibits the stocking of exotic animals for the purpose of hunting – G.S. 113-292). Mr. John Lockwood, owner of an exotic hunting ranch near San Antonio, Texas, recently has begun to offer a new form of canned hunting via the internet. Known as computer-assisted remote hunting, or internet hunting, the program provides a means whereby a person can target an animal and shoot it with a rifle by remote control. The system is now operational and, according to news reports, the first kill has been made, a boar, allegedly shot by a person in Germany.

The laws in most States do not directly address this novel concept of canned hunting. At least 10 states, including Texas, have introduced legislation that would ban the practice. Virginia was the first state to have a bill enacted. It becomes effective July 2005.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 772 would make it unlawful to engage in "computer-assisted remote hunting" or to provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting if the wild animal or wild bird being hunted or shot is located in the State. Violation of the statute is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Violation of the statute will also result in a 2-year suspension of the person's hunting license.

The bill defines "computer-assisted remote hunting" as the use of a computer, equipment or software to remotely control the aiming and firing of a firearm or other weapon that allows a person, not physically present at the location of the weapon, to hunt or shoot a wild animal or wild bird.

The act becomes effective December 1, 2005 and applies to acts occurring on or after that date.

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen** (Chair) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for *WILLIAMS*

H.B. 505 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING HUNTING ON SUNDAY AT A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATE GAME LANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

- ☐ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☒ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill (~~#~~), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to (the original bill) (~~Committee Substitute Bill #~~), (and recommendation that the committee substitute bill ~~#~~) be re-referred to the Committee on *RULES, Calendar and Operations of the House*.
- ☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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HOUSE BILL 505
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H505-PCS50273-RF-3

Short Title: WRC Study Sunday Hunting.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES
3 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING HUNTING ON
4 SUNDAY AT A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATE GAME LANDS IN NORTH
5 CAROLINA.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Wildlife Resources Commission shall study the issue of
8 allowing hunting on Sundays at a limited number of State game lands. In conducting its
9 study, the Commission shall consider, but is not limited to, the following issues:

- 10 (1) Individual game land suitability for Sunday hunting, including the
11 status of resident wildlife species, proximity to population centers, and
12 range of recreational opportunities available.
13 (2) Allowable hunting activities, including methods of taking and the use
14 of dogs.
15 (3) Limiting hunting privileges to avoid conflict with religious services.
16 (4) The needs of persons pursuing nonhunting outdoor recreational
17 activities, including private landowners, family picnics, hiking,
18 canoeing, birding, horseback riding, climbing, and biking.

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** In conducting the study, the Commission shall obtain input
20 from representatives of interested parties, including landowners, the North Carolina
21 Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club and other conservation organizations, the North
22 Carolina Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations, the North Carolina Horse
23 Council, hunting clubs and organizations, controlled hunting preserve operators,
24 religious organizations, and other outdoor recreational clubs and organizations.

25 **SECTION 2.(b)** As a part of the study, the Commission shall conduct at
26 least one public hearing in each of its nine regions on the issue of allowing Sunday
27 hunting on selected game lands.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Wildlife Resources Commission shall report its findings
2 and recommendations, including a recommendation whether to amend, repeal, or leave
3 intact the existing ban on Sunday hunting, to the Joint Legislative Commission on
4 Governmental Operations no later than March 15, 2006.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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HOUSE BILL 505

Short Title: WRC Study Sunday Hunting.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sherrill, McComas, Gibson, Preston (Primary Sponsors);
Daughtridge and LaRoque.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the
House.

March 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING HUNTING ON
SUNDAY AT A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATE GAME LANDS IN NORTH
CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall study the issue of
allowing hunting on Sundays at a limited number of State game lands. In conducting its
study, the Commission shall consider, but is not limited to, the following issues:

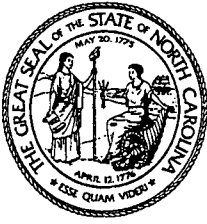
- (1) Individual game land suitability for Sunday hunting, including the
status of resident wildlife species, proximity to population centers, and
range of recreational opportunities available.
- (2) Allowable hunting activities, including methods of taking and the use
of dogs.
- (3) Limiting hunting privileges to times before 9:30 A.M. and after 1:00
P.M. on Sunday.
- (4) The needs of persons pursuing nonhunting outdoor recreational
activities, including private landowners, family picnics, hiking,
canoeing, birding, horseback riding, climbing, and biking.

SECTION 2.(a) In conducting the study, the Commission shall obtain input
from representatives of interested parties, including landowners, the North Carolina
Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club and other conservation organizations, the North
Carolina Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations, the North Carolina Horse
Council, hunting clubs and organizations, controlled hunting preserve operators, and
other outdoor recreational clubs and organizations.

1 **SECTION 2.(b)** As a part of the study, the Commission shall conduct at
2 least one public hearing in each of its nine regions on the issue of allowing Sunday
3 hunting on selected game lands.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Wildlife Resources Commission shall report its findings
5 and recommendations, including a recommendation whether to amend, repeal, or leave
6 intact the existing ban on Sunday hunting, to the Joint Legislative Commission on
7 Governmental Operations no later than March 15, 2006.

8 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 505: WRC Study Sunday Hunting.

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Date: March 30, 2005
Version: First Edition

Introduced by: Reps. Sherrill, McComas,
Gibson, and Preston
Summary by: Tim Dodge, Legislative
Analyst

SUMMARY: *House Bill 505 directs the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to study the issue of allowing hunting on Sundays at a limited number of State game lands.*

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 103-2 prohibits hunting on Sundays using a shotgun, rifle, or pistol, except that a person may hunt in defense of his or her own property. The statute does not apply to military reservations or to field trials authorized by WRC. A person found in violation of this statute is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 505 directs WRC to study allowing hunting on Sundays at a limited number of State game lands. The bill directs WRC to consider the following issues:

- Individual game land suitability for Sunday hunting.
- Allowable hunting activities.
- Limiting hunting privileges to times before 9:30 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- The needs of persons pursuing nonhunting outdoor recreational activities.

The bill directs WRC to obtain input from representatives of interested parties, including landowners, conservation groups, agricultural organizations, hunting clubs and organizations, hunting preserve operators, and other outdoor recreational clubs and organizations. WRC must also conduct at least one public hearing in each of its nine regions. WRC shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than March 15, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

H505-SMSY-001

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT

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EDITION No. _____

H. B. No. 505

DATE 3/30/05

S. B. No. _____

Amendment No. _____

(to be filled in by
Principal Clerk)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE _____

(Rep.) Q. Gillespie
(Sen.)

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 15-16

2 () WHICH CHANGES THE TITLE

3 by deleting that line to read

4 "
5 (3) Limiting hunting privileges ~~and~~
6 ~~and~~ to avoid conflict with
7 religious services. "
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9 AND FURTHER AMENDS THE BILL on p. 1
10 line 24 by adding after the word
11 "operators," the phrase "religious
12 organizations,"
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SIGNED

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ADOPTED _____ FAILED _____ TABLED _____

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen** (Chair) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 772 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPUTER-ASSISTED
REMOTE HUNTING.

- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
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- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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HOUSE BILL 772

Short Title: Ban Internet Hunting.-AB

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Steen (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Church, Coates, England, Fisher, Goforth, Harrell, Hill, Hilton, Hollo, Johnson, LaRoque, Martin, McGee, Owens, Pate, Ray, Stam, and Tolson.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 17, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 4 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 113-291.1A. Computer-assisted remote hunting prohibited.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting or provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting if the wild animal or wild bird being hunted or shot is located in this State.

(b) For purposes of this section "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer or other device, equipment, or software, to remotely control the aiming and discharging of a firearm or other weapon, that allows a person, not physically present at the location of that firearm or other weapon, to hunt or shoot a wild animal or wild bird."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(q) Any person who violates any provision of G.S. 113-291.1A is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. G.S. 113-276.3(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Any violation of this Subchapter or of any rule adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission under the authority of this Subchapter which is subject to a penalty greater than the one provided in G.S. 113-135(a)(1) is a suspension offense. Conviction of any of the following suspension offenses results in a suspension for a period of two years:

(1) A violation of G.S. 113-294(b).

(2) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c).

(2a) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c1).

(3) A violation of G.S. 113-294(e).

(4) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-120, s. 2.

(5) A violation of G.S. 113-291.1A.

A conviction of any other suspension offense results in a suspension for a period of one year."

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to acts occurring on or after that date.

VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

March 30, 2005

Name of Committee

Date

VISITORS: PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW AND RETURN TO COMMITTEE CLERK

NAME

FIRM OR AGENCY AND ADDRESS

Matt Willoughby	NCNN
David Ingram	WST
John Rust	NC Family Policy Council
Jessica Sage	NC Family Policy Council
Rev. Mark Creek	CAL
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Suzanne Gullay	Rep. Gullay
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FIRM OR AGENCY AND ADDRESS

Mary Klenz

League of Women Voters of NC

House Pages

Wildlife
Name Of Committee: Resources Date: 3/30/05

1. Name: Ashley Emory

County: Durham

Sponsor: Mr. Crawford

2. Name: Chelsea Turner

County: Franklin

Sponsor: Rep. Daughtry

3. Name: _____

County: _____

Sponsor: _____

4. Name: _____

County: _____

Sponsor: _____

5. Name: _____

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Sponsor: _____

Sgt-At-Arms

1. Name: _____

2. Name: Bill Sullivan

3. Name: Fred Hines

4. Name: _____

5. Name: _____

MINUTES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

April 6, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met at 12:00 noon in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

The following members were in attendance: Representatives Arthur Williams and Fred Steen, Co-Chairs, Representative Michael Wray, Vice-Chair, and Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gulley, Lucas, Rhodes and Wilkins. Staff Member Barbara Riley was also present.

A visitor's list was issued and is made a part of these minutes (Attachment 1).

Representative Williams called the meeting to order. Being a sponsor of HB 811, Representative Williams excused himself from the podium and turned the meeting over to Co-chair Representative Steen.

After brief discussions and debate, action was taken on the following bills:

HB 798 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW REGULATING FOX HUNTING IN HARNETT COUNTY was explained by Representative Lewis (Attachment 2). A letter from Harnett County Manager, Neil Emory, in support of HB 798 was distributed by staff member Barbara Riley (Attachment 3). Following a motion by Representative Lucas, the bill passed with a favorable report.

HB 1010 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IN WILSON COUNTY was explained by Representative Tolson (Attachment 4). Representative Faison moved that the bill be amended to include Orange County (Attachment 5) and rolled into a committee substitute. The bill passed by the majority with a favorable report as to the committee substitute, which changed the title, unfavorable as to the original bill.

HB 921 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CURRITUCK COUNTY DEER HUNTING LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF EITHER SEX DEER was explained by Representative Owens (Attachment 6). This bill allows for the hunting or taking of deer of either sex in that portion of Poplar Branch Township on the Outer Banks of Currituck County and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Swan Island and Monkey Island Refuge Areas on the Outer Banks of Currituck County during the season established for the rest of Currituck County by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Representative Rhodes called for a favorable report. The bill passed by the majority with a favorable report.

HB 811 – A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING IN PITT COUNTY was explained by the sponsor, Representative Williams (Attachment 7). The purpose of the bill is to deem it unlawful to release dogs on posted land without the written, signed, and dated permission of the owner or lessee of the land. The permission must be renewed annually. Representative Lucas moved for a favorable report. The bill passed by the majority with a favorable report.

HB 749 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CURRITUCK COUNTY TO THOSE COUNTIES WITH AN EXTENDED BEAR HUNTING SEASON HUNTING was removed from the calendar at the request of Representative Owens.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.


Representative Fred Steen


Representative Arthur Williams


Linda Uzzle, Committee Clerk

AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005
Room 1425 LB
12:00 Noon**

OPENING REMARKS

**Representative Arthur Williams, Chairman
Wildlife Resources Committee**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –

HB 921 Currituck Deer Hunting

HB 949 Currituck Bear Hunting

HB 798 Repeal Harnett County Fox Hunting Law

HB 811 Amend Pitt County Hunting Law

HB 1010 Wilson County Hunting

ADJOURNMENT

CORRECTED
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE
AND
BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION
2005-2006 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES** will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: **Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

TIME: **12:00 Noon**

LOCATION: **1425 LB**

The following bills will be considered (Bill # & Short Title & Bill Sponsor):

HB 921 Currituck Deer Hunting

HB 949 Currituck Bear Hunting

HB 798 Repeal Harnett County Fox Hunting Law

HB 811 Amend Pitt County Hunting Law

HB 1010 Wilson County Hunting

Respectfully,
Representatives Williams and Steen
Co-Chairs

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee assistant at the following offices at 10:45 AM on April 5, 2005.

____Principal Clerk
____Reading Clerk - House Chamber

(Committee Assistant)

House Pages

Name Of Committee: WildLife Date: 4-6-05

1. Name: Drake Day

County: Person

Sponsor: Rep. Winkie Wilkins

2. Name: Wisezah Buckman

County: mechlenburg

Sponsor: rep. James B. Black

3. Name: _____

County: _____

Sponsor: _____

4. Name: _____

County: _____

Sponsor: _____

5. Name: _____

County: _____

Sponsor: _____

Sgt-At-Arms

1. Name: Bill Freeman

2. Name: Toussaint L. AVENT

3. Name: _____

4. Name: _____

5. Name: _____

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 798

Short Title: Repeal Harnett County Fox Hunting Law.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lewis, Sauls, and Lucas (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW REGULATING FOX HUNTING IN HARNETT
COUNTY.

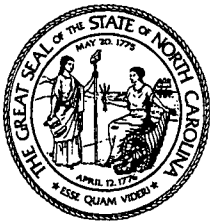
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 636 of the 1977 Session Laws reads as
rewritten:

"**Sec. 4.** This act shall apply only to Burke, Caldwell, ~~Harnett~~, Lee, Pamlico and
Martin Counties."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to Harnett County.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HB 798: Repeal Harnett County Fox Law

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife
Date: April 6, 2005
Version: 1st Edition

Introduced by: Representative Lewis
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY:

House Bill 798 would repeal the existing local law for Harnett County regulating fox hunting. Fox hunting in the county would be regulated pursuant to general law and the rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Chapter 636 of the 1977 Session Laws classified fox as any game animal and provided for their taking only with dogs during the day or night. The act further prohibited the buying and selling of foxes or fox parts, but allowed the sale of live foxes for restocking.

House Bill 793 places fox hunting in Harnett County back under the general law and the regulation of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Under the general law, there is an open season for taking fox with firearms in that part of the State east of Highway 77 beginning with the season for taking rabbits and quail and ending January 1. G.S. 113-291.4A. The buying and selling of fox or fox parts under this section is prohibited. Pursuant to G.S. 113-291.4, foxes may be taken with dogs day or night anytime during the year. If the WRC determines that the fox population is adequate to support harvesting, the Commission may open a season for trapping, if local law is passed allowing the season. Fox may be taken by other lawful methods during this season. The WRC may provide for the sale of foxes taken in such a season.

The act is effective when it becomes law.



Harnett
COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

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February 24, 2005

The Honorable David R. Lewis
North Carolina House of Representatives
504 Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601

3-1-05
[Signature]
Bill Drafting

Dear Representative Lewis:

As you may recall the Board of Commissioners has in the past requested that Session Law 1977, C.636 be modified to remove Harnett County from this local act related to fox hunting. This effort was not successful two years ago, however the need for the change remains. Therefore, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, by unanimous vote, requests that our legislative delegation pursue the repeal of this local act as it relates to Harnett County.

Attached you will find a resolution adopted by the board which notes the position of the Board on this matter and why this repeal is needed at this time. Please let me know if any further information regarding this matter is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

Neil Emory
County Manager

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enclosure

NORTH CAROLINA

HARNETT COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL
S.L. 1977, C. 636 WHICH
PROHIBITS THE TAKING
OF FOX ONLY WITH DOGS
IN HARNETT COUNTY

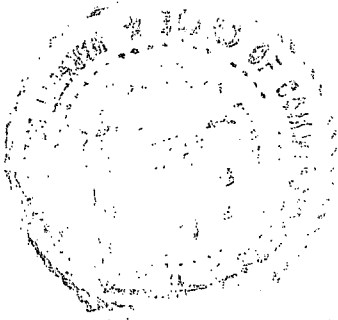
THAT WHEREAS, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners has recently appointed a Hunting Advisory Committee which was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the current hunting regulations/laws which apply to Harnett County and to make recommendations regarding any regulations or modifications to current regulations which need to be made in order to best serve the interests of wildlife conservation, hunters, landowners and the general safety of the citizens of Harnett County; and

WHEREAS, the Hunting Advisory Committee in working with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has discovered that the County of Harnett is subject to a local legislative act (S.L. 1977, c.636) which makes it unlawful to take a fox (which is classified as a game animal) by any other means but with dogs; that this local act was established in 1977 when there was a shortage of fox in the Harnett County area and fox hunting needed to be curtailed to maintain the species; that the Hunting Advisory Committee has been advised that proper fox wildlife management would now dictate that the previous fox taking controls included in S.L. 1977, c. 636 are no longer needed and that the local act should be repealed, thereby making the hunting of fox in Harnett County subject to general North Carolina fox hunting regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Hunting Advisory Committee has unanimously recommended to the County Board of Commissioners that S.L. 1977, c.636 be repealed in its entirety, and the Board of Commissioners has accepted and desires to adopt this recommendation and forward the same to the North Carolina General Assembly for action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Harnett County's local House Representatives and Senator for introduction to the 2005 session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

This Resolution passed by a unanimous vote (5 to 0) of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners in regular session on the 21st day of February, 2005.



HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:

Teddy R. Byrd
Teddy R. Byrd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kay S. Blanchard
Kay S. Blanchard, Clerk

AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING IN BURKE, CALDWELL AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The fox is hereby classified as a game animal and may be taken only with dogs at any time during the day or night.

Sec. 2. Foxes, or parts thereof, shall not be bought or sold, except live foxes may be bought or sold for the purpose of restocking.

Sec. 3. Violation of any statute pertaining to the taking and possessing of game animals shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisonment for six months or by both fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction of any person violating any provision of this act, said person shall immediately surrender to the court any hunting license or fur dealer's license currently held by him and said person shall not be eligible to hold a hunting license or a fur dealer's license for a period of one year from the date of said conviction.

Sec. 4. This act shall apply only to Burke, Caldwell, Harnett, Lee, Pamlico and Martin Counties.

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of June, 1977.

H. B. 1305

CHAPTER 637

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ON THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-253, as the same appears in the 1974 Replacement Volume 3C of the General Statutes, which was transferred to Article 9 of Chapter 143B by Section 24, Chapter 70 of the 1977 Session Laws, and which was renumbered as G.S. 143B-400 by Section 25 of Chapter 70 of the 1977 Session Laws, is hereby amended and rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 143B-253. *Veterans' Affairs Commission - members, selection; quorum; compensation.*—The Veterans' Affairs Commission of the Department of Administration shall consist of one voting member from each Congressional district, all of whom shall be veterans, appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. In making these appointments, the Governor shall insure that both major political parties will be continuously represented on the Veterans' Affairs Commission.

The initial members of the commission shall be the appointed members of the current Veterans' Affairs Commission who shall serve for the remainder of their current terms and six additional members appointed by the Governor for terms expiring June 30, 1981. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the commission created by the resignation, dismissal, death or disability of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired term. The Governor shall have the power to remove any member of the commission in accordance with provisions of G.S. 143B-13.

In the event that more than 1 State, the Governor shall on additional Congressional district that Congressional district. If on Congressional redistricting, two Commission shall reside in the s shall continue to serve as membe remainder of their current term expiration of said term or ter vacancies in such a manner as to one member of the Veterans' A Congressional district in the Stat

The Governor shall designate chairman and vice-chairman of t of the Governor. The Secretary designee shall serve as secretary c

Members of the commission s subsistence expenses in accordanc

A majority of the commission s business.

The Veterans' Affairs Commi hold special meetings at any tim chairman, at the call of the Secr upon the written request of at lea

All clerical and other services by the Secretary of the Departme

Sec. 2. Whenever the w Affairs" are used in the provision 1974 Replacement Volume 3C of Article 9 of G.S. 143B by Section which was renumbered as G.S. 1977 Session Laws, the same sha Department of Administration"s

Sec. 3. There is enacted G

"§ 143B-400.1. *Veterans' A. members, compensation.*—The d veterans' organization which has Congress and which is legally co: to said charter shall constitute a Commission. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem in accordance with the provisions

Sec. 4. The terms of any c Commission which expire on Ma on June 30 of such particular year

Sec. 5. It is the intent of this act shall be implemented Department of Administration construed to obligate the General

Sec. 6. This act shall beco



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March 24, 2005

Representative David Lewis
509 Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Representative Lewis:

We are writing to you in regards to HB 798 repealing Harnett County Fox Hunting Law. The Harnett County Board of Health at our March meeting voted to support this bill.

We have seen an increase in the number of Foxes and Coyotes in Harnett County. We have also seen an increase in the number of human encounters with these animals.

The repeal of this law will allow the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to establish a controlled and regulated hunting season.

If we can be of any further assistance to you in the passage of this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Rouse
Health Director

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representatives **Williams and Steen** (Chairs) for the Committee on **Wildlife Resources**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 798 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW REGULATING
FOX HUNTING IN HARNETT COUNTY.

- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ . ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ . ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the
title, unfavorable as to (the original bill) (Committee Substitute Bill #), (and
recommendation that the committee substitute bill #) be re-referred to the Committee
on .)
- ☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes
the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report; with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 1010
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1010-PCS70306-RF-5

Short Title: Wilson County Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 31, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER
3 WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IN WILSON AND ORANGE COUNTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. It is unlawful to hunt on the land of another without having on
6 one's person while hunting the written permission, signed and dated for the current
7 hunting season, of the landowner or lessee, or the landowner's or lessee's designee.

8 SECTION 2. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor for the first
9 offense and a Class 2 misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

10 SECTION 3. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the
11 Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers
12 with general subject matter jurisdiction.

13 SECTION 4. This act applies only to Orange and Wilson Counties.

14 SECTION 5. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to
15 offenses committed on or after that date.

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT

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EDITION No. _____

H. B. No. 1010DATE 4/6/05

S. B. No. _____

Amendment No. _____

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Principal Clerk)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE _____

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Sen.)1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 3

2 () WHICH CHANGES THE TITLE

3 by rewriting that line to read

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5 " WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IN

6 WILSON ~~COUNTY~~ AND ORANGE

7 COUNTIES." ; and

8 _____

9 further amends the bill on page 1, line 13

10 by ~~adding~~ rewriting that line to read11 " SECTION 4. This act applies only to Orange
12 and Wilson Counties."

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2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representatives **Williams and Steen** (Chairs) for the Committee on **Wildlife Resources**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 1010 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE
PROPERTY OF ANOTHER WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IN WILSON
COUNTY.

☐ With a favorable report.

☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

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~~on)~~).

☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes
the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.

☐ With an unfavorable report.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.

☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ Without prejudice.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

03/19/03

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 921

Short Title: Currituck Deer Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Owens.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 28, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CURRITUCK COUNTY DEER HUNTING LAW TO
PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF EITHER SEX DEER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 221 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as
rewritten:

"Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for
hunting or taking antlered deer of either sex with shotguns no larger than 10 gauge
shotguns, bow and arrow, and muzzle-loading firearms in:

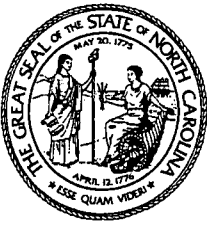
(1) That portion of Poplar Branch Township on the Outer Banks of
Currituck County; and

(2) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Swan Island and Monkey Island
Refuge Areas on the Outer Banks of Currituck County;

~~from October 18, 1993, through January 1, 1994, and in subsequent years as~~ during the
season established by the Wildlife Resources ~~Commission.~~ Commission and with bag
limits established by the Commission."

SECTION 2. In 2005 only, the either sex deer season on the Outer Banks of
Currituck County as established by Section 1 of this act shall coincide with the either
sex deer season established for the rest of Currituck County by the Wildlife Resources
Commission.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HB 921: Currituck Deer Hunting

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife
Date: April 6, 2005
Version: 1st Edition

Introduced by: Representative Owens
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY:

House Bill 921 amends Section 4 of Chapter 221 of the 1993 Session Laws modifying the provisions regarding the taking of deer in portions of Currituck County.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Chapter 221 of the 1993 Session Laws provided for an open season for taking antlered deer with a shotgun no larger than a 10 gauge in Poplar Branch Township on the Outer Banks, and in the US Fish and Wildlife Swan Island and Monkey Island refuge areas on the Outer Banks. House Bill 921 amends the provisions of that act to provide for an open season for taking deer of either sex with shotguns, bow and arrow, and muzzle-loading firearms in those areas. The seasons and bag limits are to be established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

The bill also provides for the either sex deer season on the Outer Banks to coincide with the either sex deer season for the rest of Currituck County in 2005.

The act is effective when it becomes law.

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representatives **Williams and Steen** (Chairs) for the Committee on **Wildlife Resources**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 921 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CURRITUCK COUNTY
DEER HUNTING LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF EITHER SEX DEER.

☒ With a favorable report.

☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

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☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.

☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ Without prejudice.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 811

Short Title: Amend Pitt County Hunting Law.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Warren, and McLawhorn (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Local Government I.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

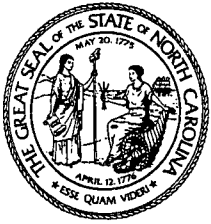
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING IN PITT COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of S.L. 2002-142 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 5.** It is unlawful to release dogs ~~on, or allow them to run on,~~ on posted land without the written, signed, and dated permission of the owner or lessee of the land. This permission shall be renewed annually in order to remain active."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HB 811: Amend Pitt County Hunting Law

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife
Date: April 6, 2005
Version: 1st Edition

Introduced by: Representative Williams
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

House Bill 811 amends the local law regulating hunting with dogs in Pitt County. Section 5 of Chapter 142 of the 2002 Session Laws currently makes it unlawful to release dogs or allow them to run on posted land without the written permission of the owner or lessee. The bill deletes the prohibition against allowing dogs to run on posted land without written permission. It remains illegal to release dogs on posted land without the written permission of the owner or lessee.

The act is effective when it becomes law.

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representatives Williams and Steen (Chairs) for the Committee on Wildlife Resources.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 811 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGULATING
HUNTING IN PITT COUNTY.

- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ .
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ .
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- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

03/19/03

MINUTES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

April 20, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met at 12:00 noon in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

The following members were in attendance: Representatives Arthur Williams and Fred Steen, Co-Chairs, Representative Michael Wray, Vice-Chair, and Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gulley, Lucas, Rhodes and Wilkins. Staff Members Barbara Riley and Tim Dodge were also present.

A visitor's list was issued and is made a part of these minutes (Attachment 1).

Representative Williams called the meeting to order.

After brief discussions and debate, action was taken on the following bills:

HB 982 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND THE DISCHARGE OF HIGH-POWERED RIFLES FROM THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC ROADS IN VANCE COUNTY, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING ON REGISTERED LAND IN VANCE COUNTY (Attachment 2) was explained by Representative Crawford. This bill applies only to Vance County. Violations of the provisions in this law constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250. The bill also increases the penalty for hunting or discharging a firearm on any land in Vance County that has been registered and posted, or on a highway abutting such land, without having a valid entry permit. The current maximum penalty is \$50. The bill would establish a minimum penalty amount of \$250. Following a motion by Representative Rhodes, the bill passed with a favorable report.

HB 1012 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO HUNT, TRAP, OR FISH ON TRIBAL LANDS WITHOUT OBTAINING A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION (Attachment 3) was explained by Representative Sutton. This bill provides that a person hunting or fishing pursuant to this exemption must possess proper identification confirming membership in a State-recognized Indian tribe and must produce such identification upon the request of a wildlife enforcement officer. It also directs the Commission on Indian Affairs to provide WRC with a list of properties in the State owned by State-recognized tribes and to update the list whenever new land is added. The tribes must post the land to give notice of its ownership by the tribe. Following a motion from Representative Lucas, the bill passed with a favorable report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Arthur Williams

Representative Arthur Williams, Chair

Linda Uzzle

Linda Uzzle, Committee Clerk

**NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE
AND
BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION
2005-2006 SESSION**

You are hereby notified that the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES** will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: **Wednesday, April 20, 2005**

TIME: **12:00 Noon**

LOCATION: **1425 LB**

The following bills will be considered:

HB 982 - VANCE COUNTY HUNTING – Representatives Crawford and Wray

**HB 1012 – HUNTING AND FISHING ON TRIBAL LANDS – Representatives
Sutton, Wray and L. Allen**

Respectfully,
Representatives Williams and Steen
Co-Chairs

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee assistant at the following offices at 11:30 AM on April 14, 2005.

____Principal Clerk
____Reading Clerk - House Chamber

Linda Uzzle (Committee Assistant)

AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

**Wednesday, April 20, 2005
Room 1425 LB
12:00 Noon**

OPENING REMARKS

**Representative Arthur Williams, Chairman
Wildlife Resources Committee**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –

HB 982 - VANCE COUNTY HUNTING – Representatives Crawford and Wray

**HB 1012 – HUNTING AND FISHING ON TRIBAL LANDS – Representatives
Sutton, Wray and L. Allen**

ADJOURNMENT

VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Name of Committee

APRIL 20, 2005

Date

VISITORS: PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW AND RETURN TO COMMITTEE CLERK

NAME _____

FIRM OR AGENCY AND ADDRESS

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INTERVIEW FOR REP. SUTTON

Greg Richardson

N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs

DICK HAMILTON

WILDLIFE Com

Joan Troy

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Kurt Leonard

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LOCAL BILL

0982

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SESSION LAW _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND THE DISCHARGE OF HIGH-POWERED RIFLES FROM THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC ROADS IN VANCE COUNTY, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING ON REGISTERED LAND IN VANCE COUNTY.

Introduced by Representative(s): Crawford and Wray (Primary Sponsors).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 982

Short Title: Vance County Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Crawford and Wray (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 30, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND THE DISCHARGE OF HIGH-POWERED
RIFLES FROM THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC ROADS IN VANCE
COUNTY, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW
REGULATING HUNTING ON REGISTERED LAND IN VANCE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill wild animals or wild birds
from, on, or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway in Vance County.

SECTION 2. It is unlawful to discharge a centerfire rifle from, on, or across
the right-of-way of any public road or highway in Vance County.

SECTION 3. Violation of Sections 1 or 2 of this act is a Class 2
misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

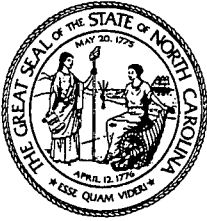
SECTION 4. Subsection (e) of Section 9 of Chapter 903 of the 1985 Session
Laws, as amended by Chapter 967 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(e) Unless a different punishment is elsewhere provided under this act, a
violation of any provision of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine ~~not~~
~~to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or
imprisonment not to exceed 30 days."

SECTION 5. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the
Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers
with general subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. This act applies only to Vance County.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to
offenses committed on or after that date.



HOUSE BILL 982: Vance County Hunting.

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Date: April 20, 2005
Version: First Edition

Introduced by: Reps. Crawford and Wray
Summary by: Tim Dodge, Legislative Analyst

SUMMARY: *House Bill 982 prohibits hunting and the discharge of centerfire rifles from the rights of way of public roads and increases the fines for violations of the law regulating hunting on registered land. The bill applies only to Vance County.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 982 makes the following changes to hunting laws in Vance County:

- Prohibits hunting from, on, or across the rights of way of any public road or highway.
- Prohibits the discharge of a centerfire rifle from, on, or across the right of way of any public road or highway.

Violations of these provisions constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.

The bill also increases the penalty for hunting or discharging a firearm on any land in Vance County that has been registered and posted, or on a highway abutting such land, without having a valid entry permit. The current maximum penalty is \$50. The bill would establish a minimum penalty amount of \$250.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill would become effective October 1, 2005, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

H982-SMSY-001

2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chair) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.**

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. HB982 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND THE
DISCHARGE OF HIGH-POWERED RIFLES FROM THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC
ROADS IN VANCE COUNTY, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING ON REGISTERED LAND IN VANCE COUNTY.

- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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- ☐ With an unfavorable report.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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____ The (committee substitute) bill/resolution (, as amended,) is (ordered engrossed and) re-referred to the Committee on _____.

____ (Pursuant to Rule 32(a),) (Rule 38(a)(b)) The bill/resolution is re-referred to the Committee on _____.

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____ On motion of Rep. _____, (the rules are suspended) (Rule ____ is suspended) and the bill/resolution is placed on today's calendar. (for immediate consideration.)

____ On motion of Rep. _____, Committee Amendment No.(s) _____ is/are adopted (by EV _____).

____ On motion of Rep. _____, Committee Amendment No.(s) _____ is/are adopted (by EV _____).

____ Rep. _____ offers Amendment No. _____ which (is adopted.) (fails of adoption.) (by EV _____) () This amendment changes the title.

____ The bill/resolution (, as amended,) passes its second reading (by following vote, _____ RC) (, by EV _____,) and (remains on the Calendar,) (and there being no objection is read a third time).

____ The bill/resolution (, as amended,) passes its third reading (by the following vote, _____ RC) (, by EV _____,) and is ordered
____ sent to the Senate.
____ without engrossment. _____ by Special message.
____ sent to the Senate for concurrence in
____ the House amendment (s).
____ the House committee substitute bill.
____ enrolled.

____ On motion of Rep. _____, the House concurs in the (material) Senate _____ (by the following vote, _____ RC) (, by EV _____,) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 1012

Short Title: Hunting and Fishing on Tribal Land.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Wray, and L. Allen (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 31, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO
HUNT, TRAP, OR FISH ON TRIBAL LANDS WITHOUT OBTAINING A
LICENSE ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

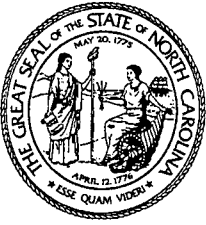
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-276 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(11) The licensing provisions of this Article do not apply to a member of an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing on tribal land. A person taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, "tribal land" means only real property owned by an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. The Commission of Indian Affairs shall provide the Wildlife Resources Commission with a list of properties owned by State-recognized tribes in this State and update that list whenever additional land is acquired by a tribe. Each tribe shall post tribal land to give notice of its ownership by the tribe.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 1012: Hunting and Fishing on Tribal Land.

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Date: April 20, 2005
Version: First Edition

Introduced by: Reps. Sutton, Wray, and L. Allen
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY

House Bill 1012 provides that members of State-recognized Indian tribes may hunt and fish on tribal land without a hunting or fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) pursuant to Article 21 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes. Tribal land is defined as any real property owned by a tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes. A person hunting or fishing pursuant to this exemption must possess proper identification confirming membership in a State-recognized Indian tribe and must produce such identification upon the request of a wildlife enforcement officer.

The bill directs the Commission on Indian Affairs to provide WRC with a list of properties in the State owned by State-recognized tribes and to update the list whenever new land is added. The tribes must post the land to give notice of its ownership by the tribe.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill becomes effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 71A of the General Statutes lists the following State-recognized Indian tribes:

- The Cherokee Indians of North Carolina (Robeson, Richmond, and Sampson counties).
- The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (Robeson and adjoining counties).
- The Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina (Bladen and Columbus counties).
- The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina (Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties).
- The Coharie Tribe of North Carolina (Harnett and Sampson counties).
- The Sappony Tribe of North Carolina (Person County).
- The Meherrin Tribe of North Carolina (Hertford, Bertie, Gates, and Northampton counties).
- The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation in North Carolina (Alamance and Orange counties).

H1012-SMSY-001

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 1012 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STATE-
RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO HUNT, TRAP, OR FISH ON TRIBAL LANDS
WITHOUT OBTAINING A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION.

- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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____ Rep. _____ offers Amendment No. _____ which (is adopted.) (fails of adoption.) (by EV _____.) () This amendment changes the title.

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____ without engrossment. _____ by Special message.
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____ the House amendment (s).
____ the House committee substitute bill.
____ enrolled.

____ On motion of Rep. _____, the House concurs in the (material) Senate _____ (by the following vote, _____ RC) (, by EV _____,) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

**MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

May 4, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building at 12:00 noon. The following members were present: Chairs-Representatives Steen and Williams, Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gibson, Gulley, Lucas, Rhodes, Wilkins and Wray.

Chairman Steen called the meeting to order to consider the following bills:

Representative Wilkins was recognized to explain HB 820 – AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON THAT SEASON. Representative Wilkins, chair of the subcommittee formed to study the bill, made a recommendation to the Committee to have a substitute bill to reflect the action taken. Rep. Rhodes made a motion favorable to the substitute and unfavorable to the to the original bill. The motion carried.

Representative Owens was recognized to explain HB 949 – AN ACT TO ADD CURRITUCK COUNTY TO THOSE COUNTIES WITH AN EXTENDED BEAR HUNTING SEASON. Representative Cleveland made a motion favorable to the bill. The motion carried.

HB 1206 – AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DOMESTICALLY PROPAGATED WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS IN DOG TRAINING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. Representative Williams was recognized to offer an amendment to the bill on page 1. line 17, by deleting the word “artificially” and substituting the word “domestically”. After discussion, Representative Cleveland made a motion favorable to the committee substitute and unfavorable to the original bill. The motion carried.

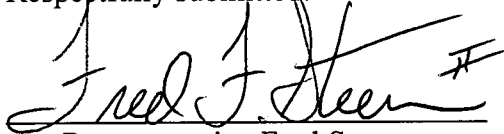
Representative Faison was recognized to explain HB 1277 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND TO CHANGE THE FEE CHARGED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISABLED SPORTSMAN PROGRAM AND ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES REQUIRED UNDER THAT PROGRAM. Representative Rhodes made a motion for a favorable report and the motion carried. The bill was re-referred to the Finance Committee.

Representative Faison was recognized to explain HB 1395 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROHIBITING THE BAITING OF BLACK BEAR. Representative Lucas made a motion for a favorable report. The motion carried.

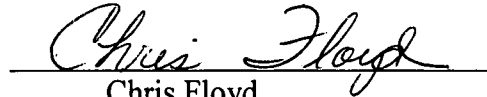
Representative Stiller was recognized to explain HB 1430 – AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING A BOAT LAUNCHING AREA. Representative Cleveland made a motion favorable to the committee substitute and unfavorable to the original. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred J. Steen", with a small "H" or flourish at the end. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Representative Fred Steen
Presiding Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris Floyd", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Floyd
Committee Assistant

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.**

- ☐ Committee Substitute for
H.B. 820 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING
SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON
THAT SEASON.
- ☐ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
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- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
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AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Representative Steen, Presiding Chair

Representative Williams, Co-Chair

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Room 1425 LB

12:00 Noon

OPENING REMARKS

AGENDA ITEMS

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|----------------|--|
| HB 820 | AMEND PERSON FOX TRAPPING
Representative Wilkins |
| HB 949 | CURRITUCK BEAR HUNTING
Representative Owens |
| HB 1206 | DOG TRAINING WITH WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS
Representatives Williams, Steen, and Gulley |
| HB 1277 | CLARIFY HUNTER SAFETY
Representative Faison |
| HB 1395 | AMEND BEAR BAITING PROHIBITION
Representatives Faison |
| HB 1430 | OBSTRUCTING USE OF BOAT RAMP
Representative Stiller |

ADJOURNMENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 820

Short Title: Amend Person Fox Trapping. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 21, 2005

- 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY
3 AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON THAT SEASON.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as
6 amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:
7 "Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for
8 taking foxes by trapping from ~~January 2 through January 31~~ June 30 through February
9 28 of each year. During this season, all leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor
10 shall have at least three swivels in the trap chain and no leghold traps larger than size
11 one and one-half may be used."
12 SECTION 2. Section 3 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as
13 amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, is repealed.
14 SECTION 3. This act applies only to Person County.
15 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 820

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H820-CSRF-10 [v.1]

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Short Title: Amend Person Fox Trapping.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN PERSON COUNTY
AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEASON BAG LIMITS ON THAT SEASON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"**Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from ~~January 2 through January 31~~ September 1 through September 30 and from December 1 through February 20 of each year. During this season, all leghold traps set on dry land with solid anchor shall have at least three swivels in the trap chain and no leghold traps larger than size one and one-half may be used."

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Chapter 108 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 890 of the 1985 Session Laws, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act applies only to Person County.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chair) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. HB949 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CURRITUCK COUNTY TO
THOSE COUNTIES WITH AN EXTENDED BEAR HUNTING SEASON.

☒ With a favorable report.

☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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☐ With an unfavorable report.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.

☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ Without prejudice.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 949

Short Title: Currituck Bear Hunting. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Owens.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 29, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADD CURRITUCK COUNTY TO THOSE COUNTIES WITH AN
3 EXTENDED BEAR HUNTING SEASON.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 220 of the 1993 Session Laws, as amended by
6 Chapter 39 of the 1995 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

7 "Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the season for hunting
8 black bear shall run from the Friday and Saturday prior to the date established by the
9 Wildlife Resources Commission as the start of bear season until the date established by
10 the Wildlife Resources Commission as the end of bear season.

11 Sec. 2. This act applies only to Pasquotank, Camden, ~~and Chowan~~ Chowan, and
12 Currituck counties.

13 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES**.

- ☐ Committee Substitute for
H.B. 1206 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF
DOMESTICALLY PROPAGATED WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS IN DOG
TRAINING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
- ☐ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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- ☐ Without prejudice.
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- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 1206

Short Title: Dog Training with Waterfowl and Game Birds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Steen, and Gulley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

April 13, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DOMESTICALLY PROPAGATED
3 WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS IN DOG TRAINING UNDER CERTAIN
4 CONDITIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 113-291.1(d1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d1) Except in areas closed to protect sensitive wildlife populations, and subject to
8 conditions and restrictions contained in rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
9 hunters may train dogs during the closed season:

- 10 (1) With the use of ~~approved weapons and ammunition; and~~ ammunition
11 approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission;
12 (2) If reasonable control is exercised to prevent the dogs from running
13 unsupervised at large and from killing wild animals and wild ~~birds.~~
14 birds;
15 (3) On land owned or leased by the dog trainer or upon which the person
16 has written permission to train dogs; and
17 (4) Using artificially propagated waterfowl and game birds, provided the
18 birds are marked and sources are documented as required by the
19 Wildlife Resources Commission."

20 SECTION 2. At its first meeting after this act becomes law, the Wildlife
21 Resources Commission shall initiate rule making to implement provisions of this act to
22 regulate dog training. Until the rules become effective, persons may participate in dog
23 training activities for retrievers and bird dogs as permitted by G.S. 113-291.1(d1), as
24 amended by this act, using shotguns and nontoxic shot of #4 size or smaller and using
25 only domestically propagated waterfowl and game birds that have been obtained and
26 marked as currently set forth in 15A NCAC 10B.0114.

27 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1206

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1206-PCS60414-RF-12

Short Title: Dog Training with Waterfowl and Game Birds.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 13, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DOMESTICALLY PROPAGATED
WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS IN DOG TRAINING UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-291.1(d1) reads as rewritten:

"(d1) Except in areas closed to protect sensitive wildlife populations, and subject to conditions and restrictions contained in rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission, hunters may train dogs during the closed season:

- (1) With the use of ~~approved weapons and ammunition; and ammunition~~ approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission;
- (2) If reasonable control is exercised to prevent the dogs from running unsupervised at large and from killing wild animals and wild ~~birds.~~ birds;
- (3) On land owned or leased by the dog trainer or upon which the person has written permission to train dogs; and
- (4) Using domestically propagated waterfowl and game birds, provided the birds are marked and sources are documented as required by the Wildlife Resources Commission."

SECTION 2. At its first meeting after this act becomes law, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall initiate rule making to implement provisions of this act to regulate dog training. Until the rules become effective, persons may participate in dog training activities for retrievers and bird dogs as permitted by G.S. 113-291.1(d1), as amended by this act, using shotguns and nontoxic shot of #4 size or smaller and using only domestically propagated waterfowl and game birds that have been obtained and marked as currently set forth in 15A NCAC 10B.0114.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 1206

H1206-ARF-9 [v.1]

AMENDMENT NO. _____
(to be filled in by
Principal Clerk)

Page 1 of 1

Date _____, 2005

Comm. Sub. [NO]
Amends Title [NO]
First Edition

Representative _____

- 1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 17, by deleting the word "artificially" and
2 substituting the word "domestically".
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SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

ADOPTED _____ FAILED _____ TABLED _____

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**.

☐ Committee Substitute for

H.B. 1277 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND TO CHANGE THE FEE CHARGED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISABLED SPORTSMAN PROGRAM AND ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES REQUIRED UNDER THAT PROGRAM.

☐ With a favorable report.

☒ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☒ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended.

☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.

☐ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to (the original bill) (Committee Substitute Bill #), (and recommendation that the committee substitute bill #) be re-referred to the Committee on .)

☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.

☐ With an unfavorable report.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.

☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.

☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.

☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ Without prejudice.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report.

☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.

☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

03/19/03

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

H

1

HOUSE BILL 1277

Short Title: Clarify Hunter Safety.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Faison.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Finance.

April 19, 2005

- 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
3 FOR PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND TO CHANGE THE
4 FEE CHARGED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISABLED SPORTSMAN
5 PROGRAM AND ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE SCHEDULING OF
6 ACTIVITIES REQUIRED UNDER THAT PROGRAM.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-270.1A reads as rewritten:
9 **"§ 113-270.1A. Hunter safety course required.**
10 (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections (a1) and (d) of this section, on
11 or after July 1, 1991, a person, regardless of age, may not procure a hunting license ~~or~~
12 ~~hunt~~ in this State without producing a certificate of competency or a hunting license
13 issued prior to July 1, 1991, or signing a statement on a form provided by the Wildlife
14 Resources Commission that he had such a license.
15 (a1) A person who qualifies for a totally disabled resident combination
16 hunting-fishing license under G.S. 113-270.1C(b)(3) need not comply with the
17 requirements of subsection (a) of this section in order to receive that license, so long as
18 the person does not make use of the license unless:
19 (1) The ~~person~~ disabled hunter is accompanied by an adult of at least 21
20 years of age who is licensed to hunt; and
21 (2) The licensed adult ~~hunter~~ maintains a proximity to the disabled hunter
22 which enables the adult to take immediate control of the hunting
23 device at all times.
24 (b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall institute and coordinate a
25 statewide course of instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife laws and regulations, and
26 competency and safety in the handling of firearms, and in so doing, may cooperate with
27 any political subdivision, or with any reputable organization having as one of its
28 objectives the promotion of competency and safety in the handling of firearms,
29 including local rod and gun clubs.

- 1 (1) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall designate those persons or
2 agencies authorized to give the course of instruction, and this
3 designation shall be valid until revoked by the Commission. Those
4 designated persons shall submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission
5 validated listings naming all persons who have successfully completed
6 the course of instruction.
- 7 (2) The Wildlife Resources Commission may conduct the course in hunter
8 safety, using Commission personnel or other persons at times and in
9 areas where other competent agencies are unable or unwilling to meet
10 the demand for instruction.
- 11 (3) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue a certificate of
12 competency and safety to each person who successfully completes the
13 course of instruction, and the certificate shall be valid until revoked by
14 the Commission.
- 15 (4) Any similar certificate issued outside the State by a governmental
16 agency, shall be accepted as complying with the requirements of
17 subsection (a) above, if the privileges are reciprocal for North Carolina
18 residents.
- 19 (5) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules and regulations
20 to provide for the course of instruction and the issuance of the
21 certificates consistent with the purpose of this section.

22 (c) On or after July 1, 1991, any person who obtains a hunting license by
23 presenting a fictitious certificate of competency or who attempts to obtain a certificate
24 of competency or hunting license through fraud shall have his hunting privileges
25 revoked by the Wildlife Resources Commission for a period not to exceed one year.

26 (d) ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale of~~
27 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the lifetime licenses as
28 provided for in G.S. 113-270.1D(b) or G.S. 113-270.2(c)(2). G.S. 113-270.1D(b)(1),
29 (2), and (3) and G.S. 113-270.2(c)(2) may be purchased by or in the name of persons
30 under 14 years of age who have not obtained a hunter safety certificate of competency,
31 subject to the requirements of this subsection. Pending satisfactory completion of the
32 hunter safety course, persons ~~Persons~~ who possess such licenses one of the lifetime
33 licenses specified in this subsection but who have not reached the age of 14 may
34 exercise the privileges thereof of the lifetime license only when accompanied by an
35 adult at least 21 years of age who is licensed to hunt in this State. For the purpose of this
36 section, "accompanied" is defined as being able to take immediate control of the hunting
37 device. means that the adult maintains a proximity to the young hunter at all times that
38 enables the adult to take immediate control of the hunting device. Upon reaching the
39 age of 14, the holder of one of the lifetime licenses specified in this subsection may
40 exercise the privileges of the lifetime license without adult accompaniment, but only
41 after obtaining a hunter safety certificate of competency as provided in
42 G.S. 113-270.1A(a)."

43 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113-276(d) reads as rewritten:

1 shall charge each disabled participant an ~~annual~~ application fee of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~
2 five dollars (\$5.00) for each special hunt for disabled persons for which the disabled
3 hunter applies to defray the cost of processing the application and administering the
4 special activities provided under the Program. The participant and the participant's
5 companion shall also obtain any applicable hunting, fishing, or other special license
6 required for the activities.

7 (d) In developing the Disabled Sportsman Program, the Wildlife Resources
8 Commission shall:

- 9 (1) Establish special seasons and bag limits for hunting all or selected
10 species of wildlife;
- 11 (2) Authorize the manner for taking wildlife, consistent with State law;
- 12 (3) Permit the use of vehicles and other means of conveyance in areas
13 normally closed to such use;
- 14 (4) Set special fishing seasons and size and creel limits for inland fish; and
- 15 (5) Permit the use of crossbows or other specially equipped bows by
16 persons incapable of arm movement sufficient to operate a longbow,
17 recurve bow, or compound bow, but only during a season for hunting
18 with bow and arrow and only during a special hunt organized and
19 supervised by the Wildlife Resources Commission for the Disabled
20 Sportsman Program; and
- 21 (6) Alter any other established rules of the Wildlife Resources
22 Commission pertaining to hunting, fishing, or special activities, as
23 generally applicable or as applicable to game lands, for the purpose of
24 providing access to disabled persons participating in the Disabled
25 Sportsman Program.

26 The Wildlife Resources Commission may use its game lands for purposes of
27 conducting special activities for the Disabled Sportsman Program, and may enter into
28 agreements with other landholders for purposes of conducting special activities on
29 private lands.

30 (e) The Wildlife Resources Commission may establish special activities under
31 the Disabled Sportsman Program for any class or classes of disability described in
32 subsection (b) of this section. The Commission shall publicize these activities through
33 the public media and in the Commission's publications to ensure that disabled persons
34 are notified of the activities and informed about the application process.

35 (f) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall hold at least four special hunting
36 activities under the Disabled Sportsman Program per calendar year, ~~at least two during~~
37 ~~the season for taking deer with bow and arrow, and at least two during the season for~~
38 ~~taking deer with guns.~~ year. The Commission shall alternate the location of these special
39 activities so as to provide equal access to disabled persons in all regions of the State."

40 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.

"(d) Except as otherwise provided in this Subchapter, individuals under 16 years of age are exempt from the hunting and trapping license requirements of G.S. 113-270.1B(a) and G.S. 113-270.3(a), except the falconry license described in G.S. 113-270.3(b)(4), and the fishing license requirement of G.S. 113-272, if:

(1) ~~He is accompanied by a responsible adult who is in compliance with applicable license requirements; or~~

(2) ~~He is carrying a current and valid license appropriate to the activity which has been issued to one of his parents or to his guardian.~~

G.S. 113-270.3(b)(4). Individuals under 16 may hunt under this exemption, provided that the young hunter is accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who is licensed to hunt in this State. For purposes of this section, "accompanied" means that the licensed adult maintains a proximity to the young hunter that enables the licensed adult to take immediate control of the hunting device. Upon reaching the age of 14 and successfully obtaining the hunter safety certificate of competency required by G.S. 113-270.1A(a), a young hunter may hunt under the license exemption until age 16 without adult accompaniment or may purchase and use a hunting license without adult accompaniment. Individuals under 16 years of age are exempt from the fishing license requirements of G.S. 113-270.1B G.S. 113-270.1B(a), 113-272, and G.S. 113-271."

SECTION 3. G.S. 113-296 reads as rewritten:

"§ 113-296. Disabled Sportsman Program.

(a) The Disabled Sportsman Program is established, to be developed and administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Disabled Sportsman Program shall consist of special hunting and fishing activities adapted to the needs of persons with the disabilities described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) In order to be eligible for participation in the Disabled Sportsman Program established by this section, a person must be able to certify through competent medical evidence one of the following disabilities:

(1) Amputation of one or more limbs;

(2) Paralysis of one or more limbs;

(3) Dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the tasks of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;

(4) Disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches;

(5) Legal deafness; or

(6) Legal blindness, for purposes of participation in disabled fishing only.

The disability must be permanent, and a person loses eligibility to participate in the Disabled Sportsman Program when the specified disability ceases to exist.

(c) A person who qualifies under subsection (b) of this section may apply for participation in the Disabled Sportsman Program by completing an application supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by supplying the medical evidence necessary to confirm the person's disability. In order to participate in activities under the Program, each disabled participant may be accompanied by an able-bodied companion, who may also participate in the hunting, fishing, or other activity. The Commission

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.**

- ☐ Committee Substitute for
H.B. 1395 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROHIBITING
THE BAITING OF BLACK BEAR.
- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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- ☐ With an unfavorable report.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

H

1

HOUSE BILL 1395

Short Title: Amend Bear Baiting Prohibition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Faison.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

April 21, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROHIBITING THE BAITING OF BLACK BEAR.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 113-291.1(b) reads as rewritten:

5 "(b) No wild animals or wild birds may be taken:

6 (1) From or with the use of any vehicle; vessel, other than one manually
7 propelled; airplane; or other conveyance except that the use of vehicles
8 and vessels is authorized:

9 a. As hunting stands, subject to the following limitations. No wild
10 animal or wild bird may be taken from any vessel under sail,
11 under power, or with the engine running or while still in motion
12 from such propulsion. No wild animal or wild bird may be
13 taken from any vehicle if it is in motion, the engine is running,
14 or the passenger area of the vehicle is occupied. The prohibition
15 of occupying the passenger area of a vehicle does not apply to a
16 disabled individual whose mobility is restricted.

17 b. For transportation incidental to the taking.

18 (2) With the use or aid of any artificial light, net, trap, snare, electronic or
19 recorded animal or bird call, or fire, except as may be otherwise
20 provided by statute[;] provided, however, that crows and coyotes may
21 be taken with the aid of electronic calling devices. No wild birds may
22 be taken with the use or aid of salt, grain, fruit, or other bait. No black
23 bear or wild boar may be taken with the use or aid of any salt, salt lick,
24 grain, fruit, honey, sugar-based material, animal parts or products, or
25 other bait, and no wild turkey may be taken from an area in which bait
26 has been placed until the expiration of 10 days after the bait has been
27 consumed or otherwise removed. The taking of wild animals and wild
28 birds with poisons, drugs, explosives, and electricity is governed by
29 G.S. 113-261, G.S. 113-262, and Article 22A of this Subchapter.

1 Upon finding that the placement of processed food products in
2 areas frequented by black bears is detrimental to the health of
3 individual black bears or is attracting and holding black bears in an
4 area to the extent that the natural pattern of movement and distribution
5 of black bears is disrupted and bears' vulnerability to mortality factors,
6 including hunting, is increased to a level that causes concern for the
7 population, the Wildlife Resources Commission may adopt rules to
8 regulate, restrict, or prohibit the placement of those products and
9 prescribe time limits during which hunting is prohibited in areas where
10 those products have been placed.

11 Any person who is convicted of unlawfully take~~stake~~ing bear or
12 wild boar with the use or aid of any type of bait as provided by this
13 subsection or by rules adopted pursuant to this subsection is
14 punishable as provided by G.S. 113-294(c1)."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, but the Wildlife
16 Resources Commission may make findings and adopt rules on and after the date that
17 this act becomes law.

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Steen & Williams** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**.

- ☐ Committee Substitute for
H.B. 1430 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PENALTY FOR
OBSTRUCTING A BOAT LAUNCHING AREA.
- ☐ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
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- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
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- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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1

HOUSE BILL 1430

Short Title: Obstructing Use of Boat Ramp.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stiller.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

April 21, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING A BOAT LAUNCHING
3 AREA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-135.1 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 113-135.1. Limitation upon penalty for offense created by rules of Wildlife**
7 **Resources Commission in certain instances.**

8 (a) To prevent unsuspecting members of the public from being subject to harsh
9 criminal penalties for offenses created by rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
10 the penalty for an offense which is solely a violation of rules of the Wildlife Resources
11 Commission is limited to a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) except that offenses set out in
12 Section subsection (b) of this section are punished as set forth in G.S. 113-135 or other
13 sections. sections, and except that a person who violates a rule regulating the parking of
14 vehicles near boat launching areas or otherwise obstructing boat launching areas is
15 responsible for an infraction and shall pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00).

16 (b) The limitation upon penalty does not apply to any rule violation:

- 17 (1) Punishable under G.S. 113-294 or otherwise involving aggravating
18 elements which result in a greater punishment than provided by
19 G.S. 113-135;
- 20 (2) Which involves a defendant subject to the collection-license provisions
21 of G.S. 113-272.4 or who is a dealer as defined in G.S. 113-273; or
- 22 (3) Relating to seasons, bag limits, creel limits, taking fish other than with
23 hook and line, buying or selling wildlife, possessing or transporting
24 live wildlife, taking wildlife at night or with the aid of a conveyance,
25 or falconry."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 1430
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1430-PCS60415-RF-11

Short Title: Obstructing Use of Boat Ramp.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING A BOAT LAUNCHING
AREA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-135.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 113-135.1. Limitation upon penalty for offense created by rules of Wildlife
Resources Commission in certain instances.**

(a) To prevent unsuspecting members of the public from being subject to harsh criminal penalties for offenses created by rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission, the penalty for an offense which is solely a violation of rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission is limited to a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) except that offenses set out in Sectionsubsection (b) of this section are punished as set forth in G.S. 113-135 or other sections.sections, and except that a person who parks a vehicle in violation of a rule regulating the parking of vehicles at boating access or boating launch areas is responsible for an infraction and shall pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(b) The limitation upon penalty does not apply to any rule violation:

- (1) Punishable under G.S. 113-294 or otherwise involving aggravating elements which result in a greater punishment than provided by G.S. 113-135;
- (2) Which involves a defendant subject to the collection-license provisions of G.S. 113-272.4 or who is a dealer as defined in G.S. 113-273; or
- (3) Relating to seasons, bag limits, creel limits, taking fish other than with hook and line, buying or selling wildlife, possessing or transporting live wildlife, taking wildlife at night or with the aid of a conveyance, or falconry."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-264 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 "(e) Any wildlife protector or law enforcement officer of this State and its
2 subdivisions may have a vehicle parked at any Commission-owned or operated public
3 boating access area towed if such vehicle:

4 (1) Is parked in any area other than one designated for parking; or

5 (2) Is left by an individual for any purpose other than the launching or
6 retrieval of a vessel or while operating that vessel."

7 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005.

House Pages

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

May 26, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met at 12:00 noon in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building on Thursday, May 26, 2005.

The following members were in attendance: Representatives Arthur Williams and Fred Steen, Co-Chairs, Representative Michael Wray, Vice-Chair, and Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gillespie, Gulley, Lucas and Wilkins. Staff Member Barbara Riley was also present.

A visitor's list was issued and is made a part of these minutes (Attachment 1).

Representative Williams called the meeting to order.

After brief discussions and debate, action was taken on the following bill:

HB 787 – Committee Substitute Favorable 5/12/05 - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES IN ASHE COUNTY BEFORE RECORDING DEEDS CONVEYING PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT TAXES AND PROVIDING THAT YADKIN COUNTY MAY PROHIBIT ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT TO A DELINQUENT TAXPAYER (Attachment 2) was explained by Representative Gene Wilson. The PCS for HB787 covers changes to the local laws for a number of communities. Following a motion by Representative Gillespie, the bill passed by the majority with a favorable report as to House Committee substitute bill 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to House Committee Substitute Bill 1, and recommendation that House committee substitute bill 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.


Representative Arthur Williams, Chair


Linda Uzzle, Committee Clerk

REVISED NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2005-2006 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the Committee on **WILDLIFE RESOURCES** will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: Thursday, May 26, 2005

TIME: 12:00 Noon until 12:30 PM

LOCATION: 1425 LB

The following bill will be considered:

**HB 787 - REQUIRE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES – Representative
Wilson**

Respectfully,
Representatives Williams and Steen
Co-Chairs

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee assistant at the following offices at 9:45 AM on May 26, 2005..

____ Principal Clerk
____ Reading Clerk - House Chamber

Linda Uzzle (Committee Assistant)

VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

Wildlife and Resources

Name of Committee

May 26, 2005

Date

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 787
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/12/05

Short Title: Require Payment of Delinquent Taxes.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 17, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES IN ASHE
3 COUNTY BEFORE RECORDING DEEDS CONVEYING PROPERTY SUBJECT
4 TO DELINQUENT TAXES AND PROVIDING THAT YADKIN COUNTY MAY
5 PROHIBIT ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT TO A DELINQUENT
6 TAXPAYER.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 657 of the 1993 Session Laws, as
9 amended by Section 9 of S.L. 1997-410, reads as rewritten:

10 "Section 1. The ~~Registers-Register~~ of Deeds of ~~Alleghany and Ashe Counties~~County
11 shall not receive for recordation any deed unless the deed is accompanied by a
12 certificate from the Ashe County Tax Collector and any municipal tax collector, where
13 applicable, to the effect that all delinquent taxes upon the property described in the deed
14 offered for recordation have been paid."

15 SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-357 is amended by adding a new subsection to
16 read:

17 "(c) A county may by ordinance provide that a permit may not be issued under
18 subsection (a) of this section to a person who owes delinquent property taxes,
19 determined under G.S. 105-360, on property owned by the person."

20 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act applies to Alleghany County and Ashe
21 County only. Section 2 applies to Yadkin County only.

22 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 787
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/12/05
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H787-PCS60474-RF-18

Short Title: Omnibus Local Laws.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 17, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES IN ASHE COUNTY BEFORE RECORDING DEEDS CONVEYING PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT YADKIN COUNTY MAY PROHIBIT ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT TO A DELINQUENT TAXPAYER, TO CLARIFY THE AREA COVERED BY THE NO-WAKE ZONE ESTABLISHED FOR THE TOWN OF CEDAR POINT, AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE LAND OF ANOTHER WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OR LESSEE IN CHOWAN COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 657 of the 1993 Session Laws, as amended by Section 9 of S.L. 1997-410, reads as rewritten:

"**Section 1.** The ~~Registers-Register~~ of Deeds of ~~Alleghany and Ashe Counties~~County shall not receive for recordation any deed unless the deed is accompanied by a certificate from the Ashe County Tax Collector and any municipal tax collector, where applicable, to the effect that all delinquent taxes upon the property described in the deed offered for recordation have been paid."

SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-357 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c) A county may by ordinance provide that a permit may not be issued under subsection (a) of this section to a person who owes delinquent property taxes, determined under G.S. 105-360, on property owned by the person."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of S.L. 2001-65 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 1.** It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed on the waters of the Intracoastal Waterway ~~within the corporate limits of~~ between Waterway Marker 44 and Waterway Marker 46B in the area abutting the Town of Cedar Point and the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction under G.S. 160A-360.Point."

1 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of Chapter 868 of the 1986 Session Laws, as
2 amended by S.L. 2004-60, reads as rewritten:

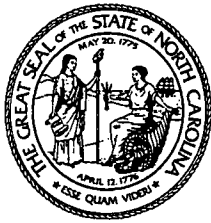
3 "**Sec. 2.** It is unlawful to ~~hunt with or~~ hunt, take, or kill a wild animal or wild bird, or
4 to attempt to hunt, take, or kill a wild animal or wild bird on the land of another unless
5 the hunter has, on his or her person, the written permission of the owner or lessee of the
6 land. It is unlawful to possess any center-fire rifle on the land of another or to discharge
7 any center-fire rifle on, over, or across the land of another unless the hunter has, on his
8 or her person, the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land. The written
9 permission required by this section shall be dated and may be valid for no more than
10 one year."

11 **SECTION 5.** Section 2(b) of S.L. 2004-60 reads as rewritten:

12 "**SECTION 2.(b)** Violation of this section is punishable as a ~~Class 3 misdemeanor.~~
13 provided for in G.S. 113-135.1(a)."

14 **SECTION 6.** Section 1 of this act applies to Alleghany County and Ashe
15 County only. Section 2 applies to Yadkin County only. Sections 4 and 5 apply to
16 Chowan County only.

17 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 787: Omnibus Local Laws

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Introduced by: Rep. Wilson
Version: PCS to Second Edition
H787-PCS60474-RF-18

Date: May 25, 2005
Summary by: Barbara Riley
Committee Counsel

SUMMARY:

The PCS for H787 covers changes to the local laws for a number of communities.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 provides that the Register of Deeds for Ashe County shall not receive a deed for recordation unless the deed is accompanied by a certificate from the Ashe County Tax Collector and from any municipal tax collector, if applicable.

Section 2 provides that Yadkin County may by ordinance provide that a building permit may not be issued to a person who owes delinquent property taxes.

Section 3 clarifies that the no-wake zone near the Town of Cedar Point shall run from Waterway Marker 44 to Waterway Marker 46B.

Section 4 amends the local hunting laws for Chowan County to make it illegal to hunt, take or kill or attempt to hunt, take or kill a wild animal or wild bird on the land of another without having on your person the written permission of the owner or lessee. The writing must be dated and shall only be valid for one year. Violation of the section is a Class 3 misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 2 misdemeanor for second and subsequent offenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The act is effective when it becomes law.

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**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative Steen, Williams (Chairs) for the Committee on WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.

☒ Committee Substitute for

HB 787 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF
DELINQUENT TAXES IN ASHE COUNTY BEFORE RECORDING DEEDS CONVEYING
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT TAXES AND PROVIDING THAT YADKIN
COUNTY MAY PROHIBIT ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT TO A DELINQUENT
TAXPAYER.

☒ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill 2, which changes the title,
unfavorable as to House Committee Substitute Bill 1, and recommendation that House committee
substitute bill 2 be re-referred to the Committee on FINANCE.

(FOR JOURNAL USE ONLY)

_____ Pursuant to Rule 32(a), the bill/resolution is re-referred to the Committee on
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Committee on _____. (The original bill/resolution) (House/Senate Committee Substitute
Bill/(Joint) resolution No. _____) is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

June 1, 2005

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building at 12:00 noon. The following members were present: Chairs-Representatives Steen and Williams, Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Gulley, Lucas, Rhodes, Wilkins and Wray. Others in attendance were Tim Dodge, Staff, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Wilder and Mr. Barefoot. Pages from Cumberland County sponsored by Representative Margaret Dickson were Amanda Hurley, Catherine Gaddis and Meredith Hurley. The Visitor Registration sheet indicates visitors present and is attached as part of the record. Attachment #1

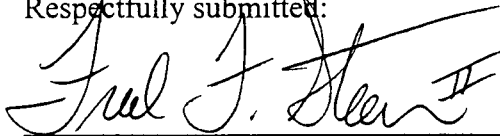
Chairman Steen called the meeting to order to consider the following bill:

Senator Albertson was recognized to explain SB 844 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MANAGED HUNTS.

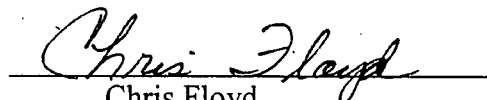
After a brief discussion, Representative Lucas moved that the bill be given a favorable report. The bill was voted upon and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Representative Fred Steen
Presiding Chair



Chris Floyd
Committee Assistant

**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative **Williams & Steen** (Chairs) for the Committee on **WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**.

- ☐ Committee Substitute for
S.B. 844 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING
MANAGED HUNTS.
- ☒ With a favorable report.
- ☐ With a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on
Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended.
- ☐ With a favorable report, as amended, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
Committee on Appropriations ☐ Finance ☐ ☐.
- ☐ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes the
title, unfavorable as to (the original bill) (Committee Substitute Bill #), (and
recommendation that the committee substitute bill #) be re-referred to the Committee
on .)
- ☐ With a favorable report as to House committee substitute bill (#), ☐ which changes
the title, unfavorable as to Senate committee substitute bill.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House do not concur; request conferees.
- ☐ With recommendation that the House concur; committee believes bill to be material.
- ☐ With an unfavorable report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ Without prejudice.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report.
- ☐ With an indefinite postponement report, with a Minority Report attached.
- ☐ With recommendation that it be adopted. (HOUSE RESOLUTION ONLY)

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AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Representative Steen, Presiding Chair

Representative Williams, Co-Chair

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

Room 1425 LB

12:00 Noon

OPENING REMARKS

AGENDA ITEMS

SB 844 **MANAGED HUNTS -**
Representatives Albertson; Jenkins and Weinstein

ADJOURNMENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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SENATE BILL 844

Short Title: Managed Hunts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Jenkins and Weinstein.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

March 23, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MANAGED HUNTS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 113-264(d) reads as rewritten:

5 "(d) The Wildlife Resources Commission may schedule managed hunts for any
6 species of wildlife to be held on game lands. Participants in such hunts shall be selected
7 at random by ~~computer from properly licensed applicants.~~ computer. The Wildlife
8 Resources Commission may require by rule that an applicant 16 years of age or older
9 have the required hunting license before the drawing for the hunt, and that an applicant
10 less than 16 years of age apply as a member of a party that includes a properly licensed
11 adult if the young applicant does not have the proper hunting license. When licenses are
12 required prior to the drawing, all applications shall be screened for compliance. A
13 nonrefundable fee of five dollars (\$5.00) will be required of each applicant to defray the
14 cost of processing the applications."

15 SECTION 2. G.S. 113-291.2(a) reads as rewritten:

16 "(a) In accordance with the supply of wildlife and other factors it determines to be
17 of public importance, the Wildlife Resources Commission may fix seasons and bag
18 limits upon the wild animals and wild birds authorized to be taken that it deems
19 necessary or desirable in the interests of the conservation of wildlife resources. The
20 authority to fix seasons includes the closing of seasons completely when necessary and
21 fixing the hours of hunting. The authority to fix bag limits includes the setting of season
22 and possession limits. Different seasons and bag limits may be set in differing areas;
23 early or extended seasons and different or unlimited bag limits may be authorized on
24 controlled shooting preserves, game lands, and public hunting grounds; and special or
25 extended seasons may be fixed for those engaging in falconry, using primitive weapons,
26 or taking wildlife under other special conditions.

27 Unless modified by rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission, the seasons,
28 shooting hours, bag limits, and possession limits fixed by the United States Department
29 of Interior or any successor agency for migratory game birds in North Carolina must be

1 followed, and a violation of the applicable federal rules is hereby made unlawful. When
2 the applicable federal rules require that the State limit participation in seasons and/or
3 bag limits for migratory game birds, the Wildlife Resources Commission may schedule
4 managed hunts for migratory game birds. Participants in such hunts shall be selected at
5 random by ~~computer from properly licensed applicants, and each applicant shall provide~~
6 ~~proof satisfactory to the Wildlife Resources Commission that the applicant is the lawful~~
7 ~~holder of a North Carolina hunting license that has the applicable migratory game bird~~
8 ~~hunting privilege.~~ computer, and each applicant 16 years of age or older shall have the
9 required general hunting license and the waterfowl hunting license prior to the drawing
10 for the managed hunt. Each applicant under 16 years of age shall either have the
11 required general hunting license and the waterfowl hunting license or shall apply as a
12 member of a party that includes a properly licensed adult. All applications for managed
13 waterfowl hunts shall be screened prior to the drawing for compliance with these
14 requirements. A nonrefundable fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be required of each
15 applicant to defray the cost of processing the applications.

16 Where there is a muzzle-loading firearm season for deer, with a bag limit of five or
17 more, one antlerless deer may be taken. Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during
18 such season."

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

June 1, 2005

Name of Committee

Date _____

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**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative Steen, Williams (Chairs) for the Committee on WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.

☐ Committee Substitute for

HB 2292 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE
PROHIBITION ON BEAR HUNTING IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

☒ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill.

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Bill/(Joint) resolution No. _____) is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**2006 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative Steen, Williams (Chairs) for the Committee on WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.

☐ Committee Substitute for

HB 2653 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SEASON
FOR THE TRAPPING OF FOXES IN ALAMANCE COUNTY.

☒ With a favorable report.

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**2005 COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following report(s) from standing committee(s) is/are presented:

By Representative Steen, Williams (Chairs) for the Committee on WILDLIFE
RESOURCES.

☐ Committee Substitute for

HB 2299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND OTHER WILDLIFE ISSUES.

☒ With a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title,
unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-
referred to the Committee on RULES, CALENDAR, AND OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE.

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AGENDA

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Representative Williams, Presiding Chair

Representative Steen, Co-Chair

Wednesday, June ²¹14, 2006

Room 1425 LB

12:00 Noon

OPENING REMARKS

AGENDA ITEMS

HB 2292 PERQUIMANS BEAR HUNTING
Representative Hunter

HB 2653 ALAMANCE FOX TRAPPING
Representatives Allred

HB 2299 WILDLIFE ISSUES, LRC
Representatives Steen and Williams

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

June 21, 2006

The House Committee on Wildlife Resources met at 12:00 noon in Room 1425 of the Legislative Building on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

The following members were in attendance: Representatives Arthur Williams and Fred Steen, Co-Chairs, Representative Michael Wray, Vice-Chair, and Representatives Cleveland, Culp, Faison, Gillespie, Gulley, Lucas, Spear and Wilkins. Staff Members Barbara Riley and Tim Dodge were also present.

A visitor's list was issued and is made a part of these minutes (Attachment 1).

Representative Williams called the meeting to order.

After brief discussions and debate, action was taken on the following bills:


HB 2292 – A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON BEAR HUNTING IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY (attachment 2) was explained by Representative Hunter. Representative Hunter brought this bill before the committee at the request of the Perquimans County Board of County Commissioners. Section 3 of the PCS for HB 2292 (attachment 3) adds language to establish the 2006 bear hunting season in Perquimans County and provides that subsequent seasons will be established by the Wildlife Resources Commission. By motion of Representative Lucas the bill passed by a majority with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill.

HB – 2653 – A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR THE TRAPPING OF FOXES IN ALAMANCE COUNTY (attachment 4) was explained by Representative Allred. This bill extends the season for fox trapping in Alamance County by three months and removes the bag limits and tag requirements for foxes taken during the season. The new season would be in effect for two seasons (October 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 and October 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008). The bill directs the Wildlife Resources Commission to study and develop an appropriate season for the trapping of foxes in Alamance County and to implement the new season by rule after the expiration of the two seasons lengthened by this bill. Upon motion by Representative Steen and passed by a majority, the bill passed with a favorable report.

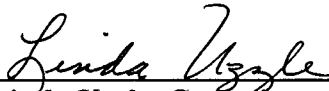
HB 2299 – A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND OTHER WILDLIFE ISSUES

(Attachments 5 and 6) came to the Wildlife Resources as a committee substitute by motion of Representative Cleveland and was explained by Representative Steen. This bill allows a study by the Legislative Research Commission regarding expanding the membership of the Wildlife Resources Commission by adding two members who own and hunt with dogs. These two new members would be designated as resident of a county that is located east of or traversed by Interstate 95 and one that is a resident of a county located west of or is traversed by State Highway 52. The result of the study shall be reported to the 2007 General Assembly. Following a motion by Representative Faison, the bill passed with a favorable report as to committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.



Representative Arthur Williams, Chair



Linda Uzzle, Committee Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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RHODES, John	Lucille Carter	733-5530	1017	112
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VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

6/21/06

Name of Committee

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Wildlife Resources

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Sponsor: Andrew K. Williams

5. Name: Pamela Thompson

County: Wake

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4. Name: Tim Dodge

5. Name: Bolara Riley

Wildlife Resources

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 2292*

Short Title: Perquimans Bear Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Hunter.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

May 22, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON BEAR HUNTING IN
PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 582 of the 1979 Session Laws is repealed as it applies
to Perquimans County.

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-133.1(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Because of strong community interest expressed in their retention, the local
acts or portions of local acts listed in this section are not repealed. The following local
acts are retained to the extent they apply to the county for which listed:

...

Perquimans: Former G.S. 113-111; Session Laws 1973, Chapter 160; Session Laws
1973, Chapter 264; ~~Session Laws 1979, Chapter 582.~~ 264.

..."

SECTION 3. This act applies only to Perquimans County.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE BILL 2292*
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H2292-CSSY-36 [v.1]

6/13/2006 3:21:07 PM

Short Title: Perquimans Bear Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 22, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON BEAR HUNTING IN
3 PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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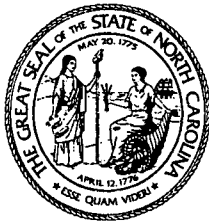
12 Perquimans: Former G.S. 113-111; Session Laws 1973, Chapter 160; Session Laws
13 1973, Chapter 264; ~~Session Laws 1979, Chapter 582.~~ 264.

14 ..."

15 SECTION 3. The 2006 bear hunting season shall be from November 11
16 through November 18 and December 11 through December 23. Subsequent seasons
17 shall be established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

18 SECTION 4. This act applies only to Perquimans County.

19 SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 2292: Perquimans Bear Hunting

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Introduced by: Rep. Hunter
Version: PCS to First Edition
H2292-CSSY

Date: June 21, 2006
Summary by: Tim Dodge
Legislative Analyst

SUMMARY: *House Bill 2292 repeals the prohibition on bear hunting in Perquimans County. The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) adds language to establish the 2006 bear hunting season in Perquimans County and to provide that subsequent seasons will be established by the Wildlife Resources Commission. This bill only applies to Perquimans County and is effective when it becomes law.*

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 582 of the 1979 Session Laws makes it unlawful for any person to take or hunt bear in Perquimans County.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2292 repeals the prohibition on bear hunting in Perquimans County. The PCS adds a new Section 3 to establish the 2006 bear hunting season in Perquimans County and to provide that subsequent seasons will be established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

The PCS becomes effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Wildlife Resources Commission develops and publishes in the North Carolina Register proposed rules for each hunting season in the fall, followed by public hearings on the proposed rules in December and January in the nine wildlife districts across the State. Once the rules have been approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission and the Rules Review Commission, the Regulations Digest (the publication that the public relies upon for notice of seasons) is produced and distributed.

At the present time, the rules for the 2006 bear season are already codified and about to be published in the Digest. The PCS is needed in order to specify the bear season in Perquimans County for 2006.

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HOUSE BILL 2653

Short Title: Alamance Fox Trapping.

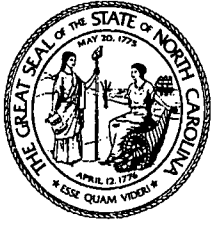
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Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

May 25, 2006

- 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR THE TRAPPING OF FOXES IN
3 ALAMANCE COUNTY.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open
6 season for trapping foxes from October 1 through January 31 of each year.
7 SECTION 2. There are no bag limits or tag requirements for foxes taken
8 during the season established in this act.
9 SECTION 3. During this season, leghold traps shall have rubber pad jaws,
10 double swivel chains, and identification tags.
11 SECTION 4. No person shall place traps on the land of another without first
12 obtaining written permission from the landowner or lessee.
13 SECTION 5. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale
14 of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.
15 SECTION 6. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall study and develop
16 an appropriate season for the trapping of foxes in Alamance County, to be implemented
17 by rule after the expiration of the season established in Sections 1 through 5 of this act.
18 SECTION 7. Nothing in this act restricts the lawful killing of coyotes.
19 SECTION 8. This act applies only to Alamance County.
20 SECTION 9. Sections 1 through 5 of this act become effective October 1,
21 2006, and expire January 31, 2008. The remainder of this act is effective when it
22 becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 2653: Alamance Fox Trapping

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Introduced by: Rep. Allred
Version: First Edition

Date: June 21, 2006
Summary by: Tim Dodge
Legislative Analyst

SUMMARY: *House Bill 2653 extends the season for fox trapping in Alamance County by three months and removes the bag limits for foxes taken during the season. The bill would become effective October 1, 2006, and expire January 31, 2008.*

CURRENT LAW: The current season for trapping foxes in Alamance County extends from January 2 through January 31 of each year. Foxes may also be taken with weapons in Alamance County during the season for taking rabbits established by the Wildlife Resources Commission (for 2006, this season extends from November 19, 2006 to February 28, 2007). A season bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken with weapons or by trapping.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 2653 extends the season for fox trapping in Alamance County to begin on October 1, rather than January 2, and removes the bag limits and tag requirements for foxes taken during the season. The new season length would be in effect for two seasons (October 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 and October 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008). The bill directs the Wildlife Resources Commission to study and develop an appropriate season for the trapping of foxes in Alamance County, and to implement the new season by rule after the expiration of the two seasons lengthened by this bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The provisions establishing the new season become effective October 1, 2006 and expire January 31, 2008. The remaining provisions become effective when the bill becomes law.

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HOUSE BILL 2299

Short Title: Wildlife Issues LRC. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Steen, Williams (Primary Sponsors); Coates, Daughtridge, Faison, Johnson, Justice, Pate, Preston, and Walend.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 22, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION AND OTHER WILDLIFE ISSUES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of expanding the membership of the Wildlife Resources Commission by adding two members who own and hunt with dogs, one from east of I-95 and one from west of State Highway 52. The Legislative Research Commission may also study other issues related to the regulation of wildlife in this State, in the discretion of the Commission.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report the results of this study, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2007 General Assembly.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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HOUSE BILL 2299
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H2299-CSSY-35 [v.1]

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Short Title: Wildlife Issues LRC.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 22, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

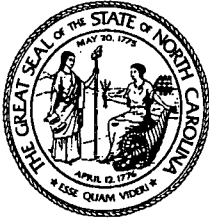
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION AND TO STUDY OTHER WILDLIFE ISSUES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of increasing the membership of the Wildlife Resources Commission by adding two members who own and hunt with dogs, one that is a resident of a county that is located east of or is traversed by Interstate 95, and one that is a resident of a county that is located west of or is traversed by State Highway 52. The Legislative Research Commission may also study other issues related to the regulation of wildlife in this State, in the discretion of the Commission.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report the results of this study, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2007 General Assembly.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



HOUSE BILL 2299: Wildlife Issues LRC

BILL ANALYSIS

Committee: House Wildlife Resources
Introduced by: Reps. Steen, Williams
Version: PCS to First Edition
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Date: June 21, 2006
Summary by: Tim Dodge
Legislative Analyst

SUMMARY: *The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for House Bill 2299 authorizes the Legislative Research Commission to study increasing the membership of the Wildlife Resources Commission by adding two members who own and hunt with dogs.*

CHANGES MADE IN PCS: The PCS makes clarifying changes to specify that the two new member appointments being studied must be filled by citizens that reside in (1) a county located east of or traversed by Interstate 95, or (2) a county that is located west of or is traversed by State Highway 52, respectively.

CURRENT LAW: The Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) is an independent agency housed administratively in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The Commission consists of 19 citizens of North Carolina; 11 appointed by the Governor (nine to represent nine geographical districts in the State and two at-large appointments); and 8 at-large members appointed by the General Assembly, four upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House, and four upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Each member of the Commission must be an experienced hunter, fisherman, farmer, or biologist, who is generally informed on wildlife conservation and restoration problems.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS authorizes the Legislative Research Commission to study the issue of increasing the membership of the Commission by adding two members who own and hunt with dogs, one that is a resident of a county that is located east of or is traversed by Interstate 95, and one that is a resident of a county that is located west of or is traversed by State Highway 52. The Legislative Research Commission may also study other issues related to the regulation of wildlife in this State, in the discretion of the Legislative Research Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS becomes effective when it becomes law.

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