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Changes in Laws and Regulations

Property-specific regulations outlined in this booklet could change due to the need for emergency regulations. Such changes will be publicized in local newspapers and on the SCDNR web site at www.dnr.sc.govregs/changes as any new emergency legislation is passed. Discrepancies between the book and any statute or regulation shall be governed by the statute or regulation. To research laws, visit <http://www.scstatehousegov/code/statmast.php>. The SCDNR News Section will issue news releases to clarify any changes to regulations, errors or omissions in this booklet.

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What's New for 2012-2013

The information contained in this brochure is provided as summary information. The specific laws governing Fish and Wildlife may be found in Title 50 SC Code.

See <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/title50.php>

For individual bill searches see <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php>

H.3864 & H.3865 Fisheries Chapter 13 Rewrite Effective Date 07/01/12 Sponsor: Rep. Hardwick — Act No. 113 & 114

These Acts made extensive changes to the Freshwater Fisheries law of South Carolina. Please see the Freshwater Fisheries section on pages 18-30 which will reflect these changes.

H.3873 Herring ASMFC Compliance Effective Date 02/01/12

Sponsor: Rep. Vick — Act No. 112

This Act made changes to bring South Carolina's Commercial Blueback herring Fishery in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission management plan. In doing so the Commercial Herring fishery is closed in the Savannah River seaward of the Augusta Diversion Dam and in all rivers in the Winyah Bay River System except for the Great Pee Dee River. Please note that Herring fishing is also prohibited within 100 feet of the fish lift exit channel at St. Stephens Powerhouse. For more information link to: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/licenses/pdf/herring.pdf>
Online rules will be updated to reflect changes for 2013

S.512 Prohibits hunting migratory waterfowl on Lake

Moultrie within 200 yds. of a dwelling. Effective Date 06/07/12

Sponsor: Sen. Grooms — Act No. 219

This Act makes it unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Lake Moultrie within 200 yards of a dwelling without written permission of the owner and occupant. As used in this provision, Lake Moultrie means all waters impounded by the Pinopolis Dam, including the Diversion Canal and those waters of the Re-diversion Canal within the Santee Cooper project area.

S.741 Night hunting of feral hogs and coyotes Effective Date 06/18/12 Sponsor: Sen. Shane Martin — Act No. 228

This Act made extensive changes to the Night Hunting Law of South Carolina.

Please see the section on page 41 which will reflect these changes.

S.1029 Enumerates & Clarifies Geographic Boundaries for certain bodies of water Effective Date 06/07/12 Sponsor: Sen. Larry Martin — Act No.206

This Act provides a numerical designation given to each body of water listed in Section 50-1-50; clarifies geographical boundaries for Lake Monticello, Lake Russell and Saluda Lake in Pickens and Greenville counties and corrects longitude and latitude coordinates.

S.1087 Allows the SCDNR to designate "free fishing days", as July Fourth and Memorial Day; Authorizes the Release of seized property to innocent owner; Effective Date 07/01/12

Sponsor: Sen. Jackson — Act No. 245

This Act provides that a resident is not required to possess a license or permit for recreational fishing in the freshwaters of this State on July Fourth and National Memorial Day. This Act also requires the SCDNR to designate two days a year as 'free hunting days' during which state residents may hunt without procuring the necessary licenses and permits. Additionally, this Act allows the SCDNR to release a vehicle, boat, motor, or fishing device seized from a person charged with a violation of Title 50 to an innocent owner or lien holder of the property.

S.1231 Classifies Cobia as a saltwater game fish; Revises, seasons, times, methods and equipment, and size and take limits for commercial fishing for shad Effective Date 06/18/12

Sponsor: Rep. Hardwick — Act No. 249

This Act classifies Cobia as a saltwater game fish and makes it unlawful to sell, purchase, trade, or barter or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, or barter cobia taken from state waters.

This Act made changes to bring South Carolina's commercial American shad fishery in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission management plan. The commercial American shad fishery is closed in the Waccamaw River (from Big Bull Creek to N.C. state line), the Sampit River, the Charleston Harbor (which includes the Wando River and Cooper River to US Highway 17 bridges), the Ashley River, the Ashepoo River and the Savannah River (Spirit Creek to Highway-301).

The season changes in some rivers. Details available in literature upon purchase of commercial shad license or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/licenses/pdf/shad.pdf>

Online rules will be updated to reflect changes for 2013

S.1364 Provides lawful size and catch limits for Sheepshead

Effective Date 06/07/12 Sponsor: Sen. Cromer — Act No. 210

This Act makes it unlawful for a person to take or possess more than 10 Sheepshead (*Archosargus probatocephalus*) in any 1 day, not to exceed 30 Sheepshead in any 1 day on any boat. Additionally, this Act makes it unlawful to take, possess, land, sell, purchase, or attempt to sell or purchase Sheepshead of less than 14 inches in total length."

H.3113 Horry County Relocated to Game Zone 5 Effective

Date 06/07/12 Sponsor: Rep. Clemons — Act No. 195

Please refer to Game Zone Map on Pages 52-53

H.3730 Trapping Legislation Effective Date 06/18/12

Sponsor: Rep. Munnerlyn — Act No. 257

This Act made multiple changes in that law that governs the regulations pertaining to Trapping and Commercial Fur Harvest. The changes to the regulations are available in a separate publication or online at <http://dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>. Some Highlights are as follows: Coyotes are now defined as furbearing animals, but there is no closed season for hunting or taking coyotes with weapons; size of traps for use in water sets increased to 7.25; Body gripping traps in water sets or other traps used in 'submersion sets' must be checked every 48 hours; A person under the age of 16 can purchase a Commercial Fur Harvest (trapping) License without purchasing the required hunting license if they successfully complete an approved Trapper's Education Course and the fur processor's license was reduced from \$500 to \$200.

H.4054 Unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Lake

Keowee, Broadway Lake in Anderson County and Lake

Moultrie within 200 yards of a dwelling Effective Date 06/07/12

Sponsor: Rep. Sandifer — Act No. 196

This Act makes it unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Lake Keowee within 200 yards of a dwelling. As used in this provision, Lake Keowee includes all waters of Keowee River impounded by the Little River Dam at Newry and the Keowee Dam to Jocassee Dam. This includes all waters upstream of the Little River Dam to the confluence of Cane Creek and Little Cane Creek on Cane Creek, to S. C. State Highway S-37-175 on Crooked Creek, to S. C. State Highway S-37-24 (Burnt Tanyard Road) on Little River, and to S. C. State Highway S-37-200 on Stamp Creek in Oconee County. This includes all waters upstream of the Keowee Dam to the confluence of Eastatoe River and Little Eastatoe Creek on the Eastatoe River; S. C. State Highway 133 on Cedar, Crowe, and Mile Creeks in Pickens County.

It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Broadway Lake in Anderson County within 200 yards of a dwelling without written permission of the owner and occupant.

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It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Lake Moultrie within 200 yards of a dwelling without written permission of the owner and occupant. As used in this section, Lake Moultrie means all waters impounded by the Pinopolis Dam, including the Diversion Canal and those waters of the Re-diversion Canal within the Santee Cooper project area.

H.4983 Relating to bird sanctuaries and the use of firearms within their borders, so as to revise the boundaries of certain bird sanctuaries in York county Effective Date

04/23/12 Sponsor: Rep. Pope — Act No. 150

This Act revises the boundaries of certain bird sanctuaries in York County. The reference to River Hills Plantation is removed and the following boundaries are established:

(1) the area in York County, embracing the Country Club Estates, the Rock Hill Country Club, the Oakdale School property, a portion of the Drennan property, and being bounded on the north by the Fewell property, on the east by the Fewell and Parrish properties, on the south by the old Mount Holly Road, and on the west and north by State Highway No. 72.

(2) the area in York County consisting of all waters and tributaries impounded by the Lake Wylie Dam located within the boundaries of the State of South Carolina. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, waterfowl may be hunted during any appropriate migratory waterfowl season on all waters of Lake Wylie with the following restrictions: it is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl on Lake Wylie within 200 yards of a dwelling, school or business without written permission of the owner and occupant.

SCDNR Important Information

Eating Fish Caught in South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) believe that fish are a healthy, low-fat source of protein. To make sure that the fish you catch are safe to eat, DHEC tests fish from lakes, rivers and streams throughout South Carolina.

To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. For more information on the advisories, call DHEC, toll free, at 1-888-849-7241 or go to DHEC's web page at www.scdhec.gov/fish.

Natural Shorelines are Good for Fishing

By keeping shorelines natural, you can help protect water quality and improve fish habitat. A shoreline without trees and shrubs can get washed away, making the water muddy and unsuitable for fish. If you live near a lake or a river, plant a buffer strip along the water's edge using trees, shrubs, wildflowers or other native plants. Trees and other vegetation filter pollution and provide shade, shelter, habitat, and food critical for bass, trout, and other fish to thrive and reproduce. Keep your favorite fishing spots well vegetated! For more tips and information, visit <http://water.epa.gov/type/lakes/index.cfm>



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Commercial Freshwater Fishing License (max 1)		x	50.00	=			x	1000.00	=			
Jug Permit (max 1)		x	5.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Set Hook Permit (max 1)		x	5.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Eel Pot Tag (reporting requirements apply)		x	5.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Gill Net Tag (not for shad or herring)		x	5.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Hoop Net Tag		x	10.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Trap Tag		x	5.00	=			x	50.00	=			
Trotline Tag		x	2.50	=			x	50.00	=			
	Total Due							Total Due				

I affirm that I am not under suspension for any natural resources violation and I am eligible to apply for, hold, and use the above SCDNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please complete the above information, sign and return with the appropriate fee to the mailing address above.

Any personal information collected by SCDNR for licenses, watercraft titles and registrations, except social security number, driver's license number, gender and race, is subject to disclosure under the

Recreational Hunting & Fishing Licenses www.dnr.sc.gov/licensing

Required of All Applicants

Identification – Applicants for all SC hunting & fishing privileges must present a state issued identification document at the time of application. The same information is required for internet/call center transactions. Providing false information is unlawful. The same identification used to obtain your privileges should be in your possession when hunting or fishing.

Social Security Number – The disclosure of your social security number or alien identification number is required to obtain SC hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code of Laws Section **63-17-1080** and Federal law **42 USCA 666(a) (13)**, which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify and enforce child support orders.

Resident – is a person who is a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina. Proof of residency at license vendors is your unexpired State of South Carolina Driver's license or Identification Card. Other manners of proving residency can be submitted to a SCDNR license office.

License Duration	Resident	Age	Application
Annual /Temporary	30 days	16+	License Vendor
3 Year	180 days	16+	License Vendor
Lifetime	180 days	16 -63 yrs	Page 15
Senior	180 days	64 yrs +	Page 15
Gratis	180 days	Born before 7/1/40	Page 15
Disability	365 days	16+	Page 16
Commercial	365 Days	Any	DNR Office

Nonresident – is a person who does not meet the definition of resident or who resides outside of the state.

Change of Address – All licenses remain valid for the privileges issued if the holder moves out of state. However, if the licensee applies for privileges not covered by the license, and no longer meets the requirement for a resident, he must purchase the additional licenses as a non-resident.

Military personnel and their dependents stationed in SC – for sixty days or longer, or who are domiciled in this state, are eligible for resident privileges. Valid military identification must be presented when applying.

Military personnel who are residents of SC – stationed outside of the state and home on leave, may upon presentation of their earnings and leave statement (which must declare SC as their home state), be allowed to fish and hunt throughout the state without purchasing a hunting, freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing license. Permits are required to hunt big game, migratory birds, migratory waterfowl and hunt on WMA lands. Tags are required to hunt antlerless deer and turkey, use non-game fish devices or for taking shrimp over bait.

Students – enrolled full time in a SC educational institution are eligible for resident privileges. A valid student ID must be presented when applying for privileges.

Duplicate Licenses – are issued upon affidavit from the licensee that the original license was lost or destroyed and payment of a \$3.00 fee. Duplicates are available at all license sales vendors, SCDNR license offices and online. Duplicate/replacement tags are issued only through SCDNR offices. No duplicates are issued for federal duck stamps; a new stamp must be purchased.

Freshwater Fishing License – is required unless you are fishing in a privately-owned pond. A license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by SCDNR.

Georgia & South Carolina Reciprocal License Agreement – All channels of the Savannah River, from its mouth to the confluence of the Tugaloo and the Seneca rivers, and the Chattooga River to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina are included in an agreement between Georgia and South Carolina to use valid freshwater sportfishing licenses and permits that have been issued by either state.

This agreement also applies to the following impoundments: Thurmond, Russell, Hartwell, Yonah, Tugaloo, Stevens Creek and the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, but not to any tributary streams to those impoundments nor tributary streams to the Savannah, Tugaloo and Chattooga rivers.

All persons holding a valid license from Georgia or South Carolina will be allowed to fish in the waters covered by this agreement.

NOTE: Contact Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division at 770-918-6406 for information on Georgia size and catch limits or visit www.georgiawildlife.org.

License in Possession – All licenses, permits, stamps and tags must be in possession of privilege holder while engaging in activities for which privilege documents were issued. Identification indicating name and address must also be in possession of privilege holder. Persons hunting on their own lands are required to have all applicable licenses, permits, stamps or tags in their possession.

License Year – The license year begins Jul. 1, 2012 and ends Jun. 30, 2013. Regardless of the date sold, annual licenses expire Jun. 30, 2013.

Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) – a Harvest Information Permit (HIP) survey must be completed to obtain the Migratory Bird Permit. This permit is required of those age 16 and older hunting migratory bird in the state. Hunters 64 years of age or older who hold a SCDNR lifetime hunting, lifetime combination, Senior license, Gratis license or Catawba license are not required to obtain a migratory bird permit.

Migratory Waterfowl Permit (State Duck Stamp) – in addition to a migratory bird permit, is required of those age 16 and older hunting waterfowl (brants, ducks and geese) in the state. Hunters who hold a SCDNR lifetime migratory waterfowl hunting add-on (State Duck Stamp), Senior license, Gratis license, Catawba license or Disability license do not need to obtain an annual migratory waterfowl permit (State Duck Stamp), the migratory waterfowl permit (State Duck Stamp) is one of the privileges in your license.

Special Tags – All age groups are required to obtain and possess special tags when engaged in the following activities: hunting antlerless deer, hunting bear, hunting turkey, using non-game fish devices or taking shrimp over bait.

Saltwater Fishing License – is required when harvesting marine resources, including finfish, oysters, clams, shrimp, and crab. A saltwater recreational fishing license is required unless fishing on a licensed public fishing pier; fishing on a licensed charter vessel while under hire; using 3 or fewer drop nets, 3 or fewer fold-up traps, or 3 or fewer handlines with no hooks and single bait per line (chicken necking); or shrimp baiting (which requires a shrimp baiting license). See also pages 32-37.

Youth Requirements – No child under 16 years of age is required to obtain a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any non-game fish devices.

Where to Buy Hunting & Fishing Privileges:

- 500 license agents throughout the state, see web site for a listing by county.
- Internet – www.dnr.sc.gov/purchase.
- Toll Free 1-866-714-3611, available 24-hours, 7 days a week.
- SCDNR offices in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia and Florence.

Hunter Education Requirements – All residents and non-residents, born after Jun. 30, 1979, must successfully complete a SCDNR-approved hunter education course and present the certificate of completion before a hunting or combination license can be obtained.

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call 803-734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301. See page 74.

Apprentice Hunting License – Hunting license applicants who do not have a hunter education certification may use a onetime exemption and apply for an annual Apprentice Hunting License. The apprentice hunter must be accompanied by a SC licensed hunter who is not licensed as an apprentice hunter, is at least 21 years of age, has not been convicted of a hunting or hunter education violation or received deferred adjudication of the same, and stays within a distance that enables uninterrupted, unaided, visual and oral communication with the apprentice hunter and provides adequate direction to the apprentice.

3-Year Licenses – are available at all license sales vendors, SCDNR offices, through the internet and by calling 1-866-714-3611. Licenses available are on pages 12-13. To purchase a 3-Year Big Game Permit or 3-Year WMA Permit the applicant must also purchase or already have purchased a 3-Year State Hunting license the same license year, or hold a lifetime license with hunting privileges. 3-Year hunting licenses are sold so all have the same expiration cycle. A hunter may buy any other annual permit to accompany a 3-Year State Hunting license.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Privilege Fees Jul. 1, 2012 - Jun. 30, 2013

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes, Prerequisites (additional information on page 11)
Fishing Privileges - Freshwater				More Information on pages 18-21
3 Year	Freshwater Fishing License	30.00	105.00	Valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 of third year.
Annual	Freshwater Fishing License	10.00	35.00	Valid through Jun. 30, 2013.
14-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	5.00	n/a	Valid 14 consecutive days.
7-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	n/a	11.00	Valid 7 consecutive days.
Annual	Lakes & Reservoirs Permit	3.00	n/a	To fish using nonmanufactured tackle & natural bait only in the following lakes: Ashwood, Greenwood, Hartwell, Jocassee, Keowee, Marion, Moultrie (Diversion Canal & Tailrace Canal) Murray, Russell, Wiley, and reservoirs: Parr, Monticello, Monticello Sub Impoundment. (More information available at www.dnr.sc.gov/licensing or contact the appropriate regional office on page 6).
Annual	Commercial Freshwater License	50.00	1,000.00	Device quantity limits apply in freshwater bodies, See page 25-29.
Non-Game Freshwater Fishing Privileges				More Information on pages 22-29
(A freshwater fishing license or commercial freshwater fishing license is required to use non-game devices)				
Annual	Jug Permit	5.00	50.00	1 permit per licensee. Required to use 3-50 jugs
Annual	Set Hook Permit	5.00	50.00	1 permit per licensee. Required to use 3-50 hooks
Annual	Eel Pot Tag*	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 2 pots per licensee. Reporting Requirements apply.
Annual	Gill Net Tag* (Not for shad or herring)	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 3 nets and no more than a total of 100 yds of net.
Annual	Hoop Net Tag*	10.00	50.00	recreational limit 1 net per licensee.
Annual	Trap Tag*	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 2 traps per licensee.
Annual	Trotline Tag*	2.50	50.00	recreational limit is 1 trotline with a maximum 50 hooks.
Fishing Privileges - Saltwater				More Information on pages 32-37
3 Year	Saltwater Fishing License	30.00	105.00	Valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Saltwater Fishing License	10.00	35.00	Valid through Jun. 30, 2013.
14-Day	Saltwater Fishing License	5.00	11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days.
Season	Shrimp Baiting License & Tags*	25.00	500.00	Season dates apply, see page 13 for application.
Annual	Saltwater Public Fishing Pier	150.00		100 feet or less in length, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Public Fishing Pier	350.00		More than 100 feet in length, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	150.00		6 or fewer paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	250.00		7-49 paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	350.00		50 or more paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Commercial Saltwater License and Gear Licenses: SCDNR License Office P.O. Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29422-2559 843-953-9301.				
Combination Freshwater Fishing & Hunting Privileges				
3 Year	Combination License	75.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Combination License	25.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2013
Annual	Junior Sportsman License	16.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, for applicants 16-17 years of age. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2013
3 Year	Sportsman License	150.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Sportsman License	50.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2013
Hunting Privileges				More Information on pages 40-69
3 Year	State Hunting License	36.00	n/a	Basic hunting license, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	State Hunting License	12.00	125.00	Basic hunting license, valid through Jun. 30, 2013.
10-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	75.00	Basic hunting license, valid 10 consecutive days.
3-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	40.00	Basic hunting license, valid 3 consecutive days.
Annual	County Hunting License	5.00	n/a	Basic hunting license, valid only in hunter's county of residence.
Annual	Apprentice License	12.00	125.00	Hunting license applicants born after Jun. 30, 1979, who do not hold a hunter education certification may take this one time exemption from the hunter education certification requirement. See page 11 for other requirements.

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes, Prerequisites (additional information on page 11)
3 Year	Big Game Permit	18.00	n/a	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, 3 Year or Lifetime Hunting License required, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Big Game Permit	6.00	100.00	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, hunting license required.
3 Year	Wildlife Management Area	91.50	n/a	Required to hunt on WMA lands, 3 Year or Lifetime Hunting License required, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Wildlife Management Area	30.50	76.00	Required to hunt on WMA lands, hunting license required.
Annual	Shooting Preserve Permit	8.50		For hunting specified released species only on licensed shooting preserves.
Season	Non-resident Alligator Hunting Fee	n/a	200.00	Required for all nonresidents 16 yrs of age or older who participate in any alligator management program, hunting license required. Must also possess an alligator harvest tag and permit or accompany another person that possesses an alligator tag and permit.
Season	Individual Antlerless Deer Tags*	5.00		Maximum 4 tags per hunter, big game permit required, season dates apply, see below for application.
Season	Bear Tag - Mtns/Game Zone 1 only (see page 40 for coastal bear draw hunt)	25.00	100.00	Required to take a bear in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit. Youth 15 years old or younger are required to obtain Youth Tags for bear from SCDNR designated offices at no cost.
Season	Migratory Bird Permit (HIP)	No Cost		Season dates apply, hunting license required.
Season	Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp)	5.50		Season dates apply, Migratory Bird Permit required, Federal Duck Stamp required.
Season	Federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp)*	15.00		Season dates apply, State Migratory Waterfowl Permit required to use in SC, Available at select US Post Offices, by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24 (1-800-782-6724), online at www.duckstamp.com and SCDNR Offices. Electronic Federal Duck Stamps are not valid in SC.
Annual	Trapping and Commercial Fur Harvest License	25.00	200.00	Required to sell or trade furbearers taken during the hunting season, or to trap for sport, sale or trade during the trapping season. Required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their pelts. Hunting license required. License has reporting requirements.

Miscellaneous Privileges

Annual	Dog Registration	5.00	n/a	Provides a number to be tattooed onto the dog, transfer a registration.
Annual	Dog Kennel Registration	20.00	n/a	Contact: SCDNR Licensing PO Box 11710 Columbia, SC 29211-1710.
Annual	Turtle Permit	25.00		1 permit per person per year. To remove from the state more than 10 but not more than 20 turtles per year of specific species. Contact: SCDNR License Office, PO Box 11710 Columbia, SC 29211-1710.

* Licensee must have the stamp or tag in possession before using this privilege. Fish tags must be secured to the non-game fishing device. Federal Duck Stamps must be signed across the face and in the licensee's possession while hunting.



Special License Application

Note: To speed processing please complete all sections.

Mail to: SCDNR License Office
PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211-1710
803-734-3833 • M – F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM ET

Social Security #

_____ - _____ - _____

Name (as it appears on your state ID)

Last _____ First _____ MI _____ Gender _____ Race _____ / _____ Date of Birth _____

Address

Street or PO Box #

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Driver's License No./State

SC County of Residence

Out Of State

Shrimp Baiting
License/Tags

- Residents - \$25
- Non-residents - \$500
(10 pole tags)

Antlerless
Deer Tags*

- 2 Tags - \$10
- 4 Tags - \$20
(max 4 tags per person per year)

Bear Tags*
(Mtns/Game Zone 1 only)

- Residents - \$25
- Non-residents - \$100
- Youth - No Cost
(max 1 tag per person per year)

Turkey Tags*

- No cost
(5 tags)

Total Paid

\$.00

Make check payable to SCDNR

I affirm that I am not under suspension for any natural resources violation and I am eligible to apply for, hold, and use the above SCDNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete the above information, sign and return with the appropriate fee to the mailing address above.

*State Hunting License and Big Game Permit required to obtain Bear, Deer and/or Turkey Tags

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LIFETIME RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



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Lifetime Licenses are only available to South Carolina residents. For the purpose of applying for a Lifetime License "resident" means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.)

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

RESIDENCE Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____

SSN _____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

PHONE # _____ Home _____ Cell _____

MAILING Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____
(If different than street address)

FISHING, HUNTING & COMBINATION LICENSES

- | | |
|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Freshwater Fishing License | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Saltwater Fishing License | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime State Hunting License | \$300.00 |

Lifetime Combination Licenses (Freshwater Fishing, State Hunting and Big Game)

- | | |
|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 2 years of Age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 2 to under 16 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 16 to under 64 years of age | 500.00 |

Lifetime Combination License Saltwater Fishing Privilege Add-on

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|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 2 years of Age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 2 to under 16 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 160.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 16 to under 64 years of age | 200.00 |

Lifetime Combination License Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Privilege (State Duck Stamp) Add-on

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|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 2 years of Age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 66.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 2 to under 16 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) | 88.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 16 to under 64 years of age | 110.00 |

Hunter Education Certification is required for persons born after June 30, 1979 who apply for hunting privileges. Certification information for those persons must be provided below. An applicant under the age of 16 years who is issued a license must obtain hunter education certification before exercising the hunting privileges of the license.

HUNTER EDUCATION NO. _____ STATE OF ISSUE _____

SENIOR LICENSES

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|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Senior License* (64 years of age or older) | \$9.00 |
| Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gratis License* (Available only to residents born on or before 7/1/1940) | |
| NO COST | |
| Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp | |

* Lifetime Senior and Gratis Privileges: Hunting-Statewide Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas and State Migratory Waterfowl (Duck Stamp); Fishing- Saltwater Fishing, Freshwater Fishing and Freshwater Set Hook

A Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) is not required for a hunter **64 years of age or older** who holds a Lifetime State Hunting, Lifetime Combination, Lifetime Gratis or Lifetime Senior license. All other lifetime state hunting and lifetime combination license holders must have a HIP certification when hunting migratory birds and waterfowl. A **Federal Duck Stamp** is required of all hunters to hunt migratory waterfowl (family Anatidae-ducks, geese, and brants)

I affirm that I am not under suspension for any natural resources violation and I am eligible to apply for, hold, and use the above SCDNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant/Parent _____ Date _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

Enclose: 1) a legible copy of your unexpired State of South Carolina Driver's License or Identification Card.

2) a check made payable to South Carolina Wildlife Endowment Fund for the required fee.

Mail to the address at the top of this form. Application forms received without required documents will be returned.

The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain South Carolina hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code of Laws **63-17-1080** and Federal law **42 USCA 666(a)(13)**, which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders.

Any personal information collected by SCDNR for licenses, watercraft titles and registrations, except social security number, driver's license number, gender and race, is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. However, if released, state law prohibits the use of this information for solicitation or commercial purposes.

DISABILITY RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



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Disability Licenses are only available to South Carolina residents. For the purpose of applying for a Disability License, "resident" means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of one year or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

RESIDENCE Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____

SSN _____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

PHONE # _____ Home _____ Cell _____

MAILING Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____
(If different than street address)

CERTIFICATION

Submit the following with your application:

- 1) a legible copy of your unexpired State of South Carolina Driver's License or Identification Card.
- 2) a current year certification from one of the following programs that declares you totally disabled.

Social Security Administration* US Dept. of Veterans Affairs Railroad Retirement Board
 SC State Retirement System Federal Civil Service Medicaid Assistance

* To receive your Social Security Benefits Verification Statement call the Social Security Administration toll free 1-800-772-1213. Note-receiving social security retirement benefits alone does not qualify you for a disability license.

Application forms received without required documents will be returned. Documents should be copies as we do not return documents once your license has been processed

LICENSE TYPES

Applicant for: 3 Year Disability License or Lifetime Disability License (Paraplegia or Quadriplegia)*
* Certification of Paraplegia or Quadriplegia is required

Fishing License (Valid for Freshwater Fishing and Saltwater Fishing.)

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No

Hunting Privilege Add-On to Current Disability Fishing License (Active Fishing License holders who were born after Jun. 30, 1979, and want to add hunting privileges must complete the Hunter Education certification.)

I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

Hunting and Fishing License (Valid for State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas, State Migratory Waterfowl, Freshwater Fishing and Saltwater Fishing. Hunter Education certification must be completed if born after Jun. 30, 1979.)

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

Hunter Education Certification is required for persons born after Jun. 30, 1979, who apply for licenses with hunting privileges. Certification information for those persons must be provided below.

HUNTER EDUCATION NO. _____ STATE OF ISSUE _____

MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT (Must be renewed each year to hunt migratory birds).....NO COST

If you are hunting migratory birds in South Carolina this season, you must complete the following HIP Survey questions:

If you hunted migratory birds last season in SC, complete the following for each species:

SPECIES: Dove Duck* Geese* Woodcock Coot/Snipe Marsh Hens/Gallinules

Did not hunt in SC _____

OR

Quantity bagged in SC _____

*To hunt migratory waterfowl (duck, geese or brant) hunters must also possess a State Migratory Waterfowl Permit and a Federal Duck Stamp.

SIGNATURE

I affirm that I am not under suspension for any natural resources violation and I am eligible to apply for, hold, and use the above SCDNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Freshwater Game Fishing Regulations www.dnr.sc.gov/fishregs

Freshwater Game Fish

Freshwater game fish are: Bream: bluegill, flier, green sunfish; pumpkinseed, redbreast, redear (shellcracker), spotted sunfish; warmouth; Black Bass: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redeye bass (coosae bass); striped bass or rockfish; white bass; hybrid striped bass; white crappie, black crappie; Trout: rainbow, brown and brook, chain pickerel (jackfish), redfin pickerel, sauger, walleye, and yellow perch.

Methods and Devices

- Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, pole, artificial pole, or rod and reel. Not more than 4 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if every boat occupant (who would normally be required to have a fishing license) possesses a valid fishing license.
- Cast nets for catching nongame bait fish may be in possession while fishing for game fish.
- Game fish may be used as bait to catch fish recreationally but must be included in daily creel limit.

Seasons

- No closed freshwater game fish season except in the following areas:
- Striped bass have exceptions, see Freshwater Fish Size and Possession limits page 20-21.
- All watercraft and fishing are prohibited Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 on Cantey Bay, Black Bottom and Savannah Branch in Lake Marion.
- Hatchery WMA on Lake Moultrie is closed to fishing each Saturday until 12:00 noon and all day the last Saturday of the waterfowl season.
- Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to public access and fishing one week prior to and two weeks after the Federal Waterfowl Season.

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Selling and Importing

- No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except by a SCDNR permitted aquaculturist, a SCDNR wholesale aquaculture licensee, or a SCDNR aquaculture game fish retail licensee.
- It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.
- Sterile grass carp may only be sold, purchased or possessed under a SCDNR permit.

Prohibited Practices

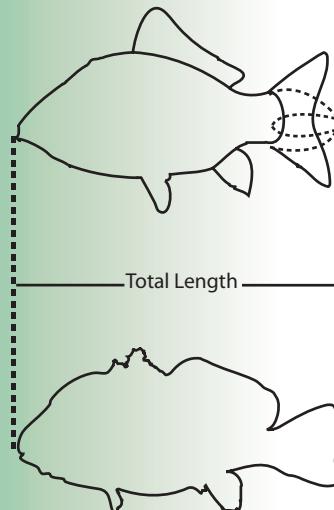
- Game or nongame fish may not be taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.
- Except for bait lost while fishing and fish released back to waters where they were caught, it is unlawful to intentionally release any aquatic species, including bait, regardless of the stage of its life cycle, into the waters of this State without a permit from the SCDNR.
- Native freshwater mussels cannot be taken without a permit from the SCDNR, except for Asian clams also known as Corbicula. Contact the Freshwater Fisheries Section at 803-734-3891.
- It is unlawful to take, harm, or kill grass carp from public waters. Any grass carp taken must be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken.
- It is unlawful to use any nonindigenous fish as bait that is not already established in the water body being fished except the following minnows: fathead minnows, golden shiners, and goldfish, including 'black salties'.

**Free Fishing Days: May 27 & July 4, 2013
(For residents only, as specified in Sect. 50-9-730.)**

How to Properly Measure a Fish

TL=total length measure: Tip of snout with mouth closed to tip of tail (excluding filaments). Tail should be pinched. All freshwater fish species in the state of South Carolina are measured using total length. Some saltwater species are measured with fork length.

How to Measure Freshwater Fish

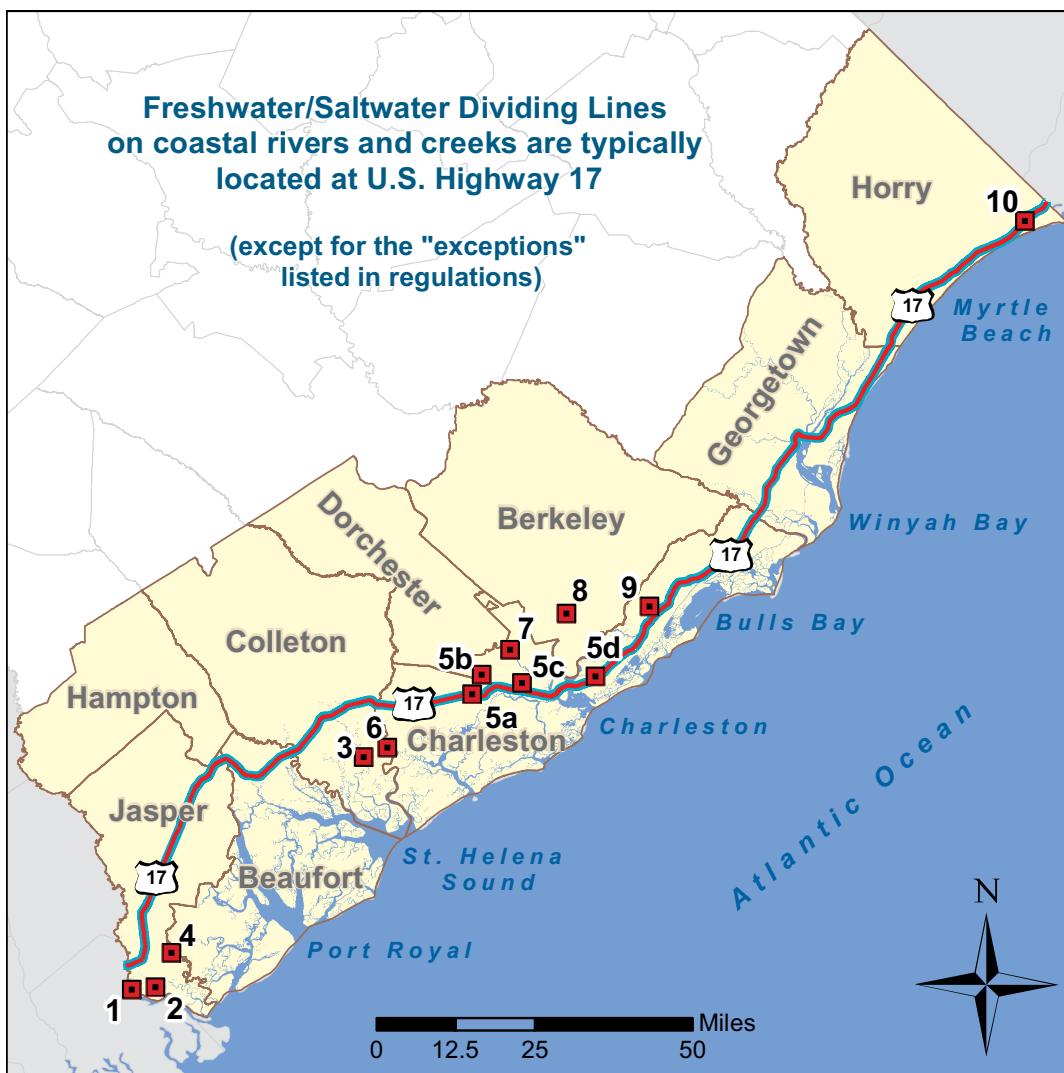


TL=total length measure: Tip of snout to tip of tail (excluding filaments). Tail should be pinched.

Freshwater/Saltwater Dividing Line www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/dividingline

The dividing line between saltwater and freshwater on the rivers listed is defined in this section. All waters of the rivers and their tributaries, streams and estuaries lying seaward of the dividing lines are considered saltwaters, and all waters lying landward or upstream from all dividing lines are considered freshwaters for purposes of licensing and regulating commercial and recreational fishing. Except as otherwise provided below, the saltwater/freshwater dividing line is U.S. Highway 17:

- 1) On Savannah River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed located approximately one and three-fourths miles upstream from the U.S. Highway 17A bridge.
- 2) Wright River is salt water for its entire length.
- 3) On Ashepoo River the dividing line is the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- 4) On New River the dividing line is at Cook's Landing.
- 5) Wallace River (5a), Rantowles Creek (5b), Long Branch Creek (5c), and Shem Creek (5d) are saltwater for their entire lengths.
- 6) On Edisto River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Canal Cut.
- 7) On Ashley River the dividing line is the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- 8) On Cooper River the dividing line is the seaward shoreline of Old Back River at the confluence of Old Back River downstream from Bushy Park Reservoir.
- 9) Wando River is saltwater for its entire length.
- 10) On the Intracoastal Waterway in Horry County the dividing line is the bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway at the intersection of S.C. Highway 9 and U.S. Highway 17.



SCDNR Managed State Lakes

Due to changes in freshwater fishing laws, the SCDNR Managed State Lakes regulations are under revision. For current regulations, see postings at the lakes.

Freshwater Fish Size and Possession Limits

- A total of 40 game fish may be kept in any one day. This total shall not exceed more than the limits or exceptions listed below. Any game fish or species with a size limit listed must be landed with head and tail fin intact. All freshwater fish species in the state of South Carolina are measured using total length.
- Special limits and regulations apply to SCDNR managed lakes.
- Check with state parks, city reservoirs or county parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

Species	American Eel
Limit	No more than 50 eels per day and a 6 inch minimum size limit.
Species	Blue Catfish
Limit	No more than 1 blue catfish over 36 inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie or the upper reach of the Santee, Congaree and Wateree Rivers per person per day.
Species	Bream (includes bluegill, flier, warmouth, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, redear (shellcracker) and spotted sunfish)
Limit	No more than 30 per person per day.
Species	Redbreast Sunfish
Limit	No more than 15 per person per day.
Species	Coldwater Trout
Limit	No more than 5 trout per person per day.
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Lake Jocassee, there is a three fish combined total possession limit for all trout species. On Lake Jocassee from October 1 through May 31, there is a 15 inch minimum size limit except only one of the three fish may be more than 20 inches per person per day. From June 1 through September 30, there is no length limit but it is unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess more than three trout. From November 1st through May 14th of each year, it is unlawful to possess, take and retain trout on the following waters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that portion of the Chattooga River beginning at S.C. State Highway 28 upstream to its confluence with Reed Creek (Rabun County, GA); that portion of Cheohee Creek that runs through the Piedmont Forestry Center; Devils Fork Creek; Howard Creek from its confluence with Corbin Creek upstream to its confluence with Limberpole Creek; and Corbin Creek upstream from its confluence with Howard Creek to S.C. State Highway S-37-130 (Whitewater Road) in Oconee County; Chauga River from S.C. State Highway S-37-290 (Cassidy Bridge Road) upstream to its confluence with Bone Camp Creek in Oconee County; and Eastatoe River from the backwaters of Lake Keowee upstream to S.C. State Highway S-39-143 (Roy Jones Road) in Pickens County. Trout taken during the defined time period from the identified areas listed above must be released immediately. From January 1 through December 31, it is unlawful to take and retain trout on the Middle Saluda River (approximately 1.5 river miles) from Hugh Smith Road (Bridge) upstream to the foot-bridge at Jones Gap State Park.
Bait & Tackle Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unlawful to take trout by snagging. On Lake Jocassee, it is unlawful to use or possess corn, cheese, fish eggs, or imitations of them. It is unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except artificial lures in the following waters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whitewater River; Matthews Creek from Asbury Drive Bridge at Asbury Methodist Camp upstream including all tributaries and headwaters; Middle Saluda River from the foot bridge at Jones Gap Natural Area Office upstream to U.S. Highway 176 in Greenville County; and Eastatoe River on Eastatoe Heritage Preserve in Pickens County. From November 1st through May 14th, it is unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures in the following waters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that portion of the Chattooga River beginning at S.C. State Highway 28 upstream to its confluence with Reed Creek (Rabun County, GA); that portion of Cheohee Creek that runs through the Piedmont Forestry Center; Devils Fork Creek; Howard Creek from its confluence with Corbin Creek upstream to its confluence with Limberpole Creek; and Corbin Creek upstream from its confluence with Howard Creek to S.C. State Highway S-37-130 (Whitewater Road) in Oconee County; Chauga River from S.C. State Highway S-37-290 (Cassidy Bridge Road) upstream to its confluence with Bone Camp Creek in Oconee County; and Eastatoe River from the backwaters of Lake Keowee upstream to S.C. State Highway S-39-143 (Roy Jones Road) in Pickens County. From January 1 through December 31, only artificial lures with single hooks may be used or possessed on the Middle Saluda River (approximately 1.5 river miles) from Hugh Smith Road (Bridge) upstream to the foot-bridge at Jones Gap State Park.
Species	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass and Redeye Bass
Limit	No more than 5 combined total per person per day of largemouth, redeye, smallmouth or their hybrids.
Exceptions (Continue to next page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smallmouth have a statewide size limit of 12 inches. Slade's Lake: 2 black bass (including spotted bass) per person per day no less than 12 inches. Lakes Blalock, Greenwood, Jocassee, Marion, Monticello, Moultrie, Murray, Secession, Wateree, Wylie and the middle reach of the Saluda River and the upper reach of the Santee River: no largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.

Exceptions (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Robinson (Greenville County), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah, Stevens Creek Reservoir, the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers: no largemouth bass less than 12 inches in total length. Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah, the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers and Stevens Creek Reservoir: 10 fish combined total per person per day of any black bass species (including spotted bass).
Species	Spotted Bass
Limit	No more than 15 total per person per day.
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slade's Lake: 2 black bass (including spotted bass) per person per day no less than 12 inches. Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah, the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers and Stevens Creek Reservoir: 10 fish combined total per person per day of any black bass species (including spotted bass).
Species	Striped Bass and/or Hybrids
Limit	No more than 10 hybrid bass or striped bass or a combination per person per day.
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the following freshwater bodies: the Ashepoo River; Ashley River; Back River in Jasper County and the Back River in Berkeley County; Black River; Black Mingo Creek; Bull Creek and Little Bull Creek; Combahee River; Cooper River system (means all waters of Cooper River and its fresh water tributaries, from the freshwater/saltwater dividing line to its headwaters including the East and West Branch and the Tailrace Canal); Coosawhatchie River; Cuckholds Creek; Edisto River; Horseshoe Creek; Lumber River; Lynches River; Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers; Pocotaligo River in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties; Salkehatchie and Little Salkehatchie Rivers; Sampit River; Santee River system (means all waters of Santee River including tributaries from the saltwater/freshwater dividing line on the North and South Santee Rivers upstream to the Lake Murray Dam on the Saluda River, the Canal Dam on the Broad River, and the Wateree Dam on the Wateree River) except the lower reach of the Saluda River; Tulifinny River; Thoroughfare Creek; and Waccamaw River from June 1st to September 30th, it is unlawful to take, attempt to take, or to possess striped bass. Striped bass taken must be returned immediately to the waters from where it came. In the following freshwater bodies: the Ashepoo River; Ashley River; Back River in Jasper County and the Back River in Berkeley County; Black River; Black Mingo Creek; Bull Creek and Little Bull Creek; Combahee River; Cooper River system (means all waters of Cooper River and its fresh water tributaries, from the freshwater/saltwater dividing line to its headwaters including the East and West Branch and the Tailrace Canal); Coosawhatchie River; Cuckholds Creek; Edisto River; Horseshoe Creek; Lumber River; Lynches River; Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers; Pocotaligo River in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties; Salkehatchie and Little Salkehatchie Rivers; Sampit River; Santee River system (means all waters of Santee River including tributaries from the saltwater/freshwater dividing line on the North and South Santee Rivers upstream to the Lake Murray Dam on the Saluda River, the Canal Dam on the Broad River, and the Wateree Dam on the Wateree River); Tulifinny River; Thoroughfare Creek; and Waccamaw River from October 1st through May 31st, it is unlawful to take or possess more than 3 striped bass a day. In the following freshwater bodies: the Ashepoo River; Ashley River; Back River in Jasper County and the Back River in Berkeley County; Black River; Black Mingo Creek; Bull Creek and Little Bull Creek; Combahee River; Cooper River system (means all waters of Cooper River and its fresh water tributaries, from the freshwater/saltwater dividing line to its headwaters including the East and West Branch and the Tailrace Canal); Coosawhatchie River; Cuckholds Creek; Edisto River; Horseshoe Creek; Lumber River; Lynches River; Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers; Pocotaligo River in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties; Salkehatchie and Little Salkehatchie Rivers; Sampit River; Santee River system (means all waters of Santee River including tributaries from the saltwater/freshwater dividing line on the North and South Santee Rivers upstream to the Lake Murray Dam on the Saluda River, the Canal Dam on the Broad River, and the Wateree Dam on the Wateree River); Tulifinny River; Thoroughfare Creek; and Waccamaw River from October 1st through May 31st, it is unlawful to take or possess a striped bass less than 26 inches in total length. On Lake Murray and the middle reach of the Saluda River it is unlawful to possess more than five striped bass a day. From June 1st through September 30th, it is unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess more than five striped bass a day. On Lake Murray and the middle reach of the Saluda River from October 1st through May 31st, it is unlawful to possess a striped bass less than 21 inches in total length. From June 1st to September 30th there is no minimum length. On the lower reach of the Saluda River from June 1st to September 30th, it is unlawful to take or possess striped bass. Striped bass taken must be returned immediately to the waters from where it came. On Lakes Hartwell and Thurmond, it is unlawful to possess more than 10 striped bass or hybrid bass or a combination of those a day and only 3 may be over 26 inches in total length. On Lake Richard B. Russell and the Lake Hartwell tailwater, it is unlawful to possess more than 2 striped bass or hybrid bass or a combination of those a day, and only 1 may be over 34 inches total length. On the lower reach of the Savannah River it is unlawful to possess more than 2 striped bass, hybrid bass, white bass, or a combination of these. Any of these fish taken from the lower reach of the Savannah River must be at least 27 inches in total length.
Species	Walleye and Sauger
Limit	No more than 8 fish per person per day of walleye, sauger or combination.
Species	White Bass
Limit	No more than 10 fish per person per day.
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the lower reach of the Savannah River, it is unlawful to possess more than 2 striped bass, hybrid bass, white bass, or a combination of these. Any of these fish taken from the lower reach of the Savannah River must be at least 27 inches in total length.
Species	White & Black Crappie
Limit	No more than 20 fish per person per day and an 8 inch minimum size limit.
Species	Yellow Perch and Redfin and Chain Pickerel
Limit	No more than 30 fish per person per day.

Freshwater Nongame Fishing Regulations www.dnr.sc.gov/fishregs

Freshwater Nongame Fish

- Freshwater nongame fish are any freshwater fish species not classified as game fish.

General Information

- Nongame fishing permits and tags may be purchased from SCDNR only. Applications may be obtained at www.dnr.sc.gov or by calling 803-734-3833.
- Nongame fishing permits and tags are required, in addition to a valid South Carolina recreational fishing license (also applies to youth under 16), to use the following devices for recreational purposes:
 - up to 1 trotlines with not more than 50 hooks,
 - 3 to 50 set hooks
 - not more than 50 jugs
 - up to 2 traps
 - 1 hoop net
 - 1 gill net no more than 100 yards in length or 3 gill nets, none of which exceed 30 yards in length (This does not apply to shad and herring. See page 30.)
 - up to 2 eel pots
- With a valid South Carolina fishing license and no additional tags or permits, archery equipment, cast nets, crayfish traps (5 or less), gigs, hand grabbing, minnow seines, minnow traps and spears may be used in freshwaters except lakes owned or managed by the DNR to take nongame fish.
- This requirement applies to all freshwaters of the state inland of the saltwater-freshwater dividing lines, except privately-owned ponds.
- Nongame fishing devices are not allowed in certain waters. The maximum number of devices allowed per area is shown in the Nongame Device Limits by Location (See pages 25-29).
- A tag must be attached to the device for which it was issued, and each permit and tag identification receipt must be in the licensee's possession while engaging in the activity.
- No more than one blue catfish over 36 inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie or the upper reaches of the Santee, Congaree and Wateree Rivers per person per day.
- Native freshwater mussels cannot be taken without a permit from the Department of Natural Resources, except for Asian clams also known as *Corbicula*. Contact the Freshwater Fisheries Section at 803-734-3891 for permit.
- Game fish must be immediately released if caught by net or trap or any other device used for catching nongame fish.

Commercial Fishing

- A commercial freshwater fishing license must be in possession to take nongame fish by any method from public waters and sell or offer for sale such nongame fish, and/or fish with the following nongame fishing devices:
 - 6 or more crayfish traps
 - 3 or more eel pots
 - 1 elver fyke net
 - 4 or more gill nets (or a total of more than 100 yards of net)
(This does not apply to shad and herring. See page 30.)
 - 2 or more hoop nets
 - 3 or more traps, or
 - 2 or more trotlines or fish trotlines with more than 50 hooks.
- Strikers are defined as persons other than the licensed freshwater commercial fishermen, who under immediate supervision assists a licensed commercial freshwater fisherman, but does not use separate nongame fishing devices from the vessel engaged in

commercial fishing. A striker is not required to have a commercial or recreational freshwater fishing license.

- No more than one blue catfish over 36 inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie or the upper reaches of the Santee, Congaree and Wateree Rivers per person per day.
- To qualify for a resident commercial freshwater fishing license, one must have been a resident of this state for the past 365 consecutive days and furnish proof to the SCDNR.

Shad/Herring (*American and hickory shad and blueback herring*)

- To take shad for recreational purposes by hook and line, cast net, or skim bow net in waters of the state, a person must have the appropriate freshwater or saltwater recreational fishing license.
- American shad and herring cannot be harvested by skimbow net May-January. Only 10 shad per person per day or 1 US bushel of herring per person per day except in the Santee River and Rediversion Canal (which is 20 shad per person per day) can be harvested. Gill nets are allowed to harvest American shad and herring for commercial use. If fishing gill nets recreationally, one must adhere to the recreational limits.
- Commercial fishing for shad and herring in freshwaters, including for sale as bait and by use of gill nets, is regulated under saltwater fisheries laws regardless of location within the state. Contact the Charleston License office at 843-953-9311 or 843-953-9821 for commercial and gill net information.
- Herring fishery area closures: Herring fishery closed in the Savannah River seaward of the Augusta Diversion Dam and in all rivers in the Winyah Bay River System (means all waters of Winyah Bay east of a line running south from the southern tip of North Island to the eastern tip of Sand Island, and extending to the mouths of the Sampit, Great Pee Dee, and Waccamaw Rivers) except for the Great Pee Dee River.
- Herring fishing is prohibited within one hundred feet of the fish lift exit channel at St. Stephens Powerhouse.
- See detailed shad & herring info on page 30.

Markers and Identification of Nongame Devices

- Trotlines, traps, eel pots, gill nets and hoop nets must be marked with a floating marker with a minimum capacity of one quart and a maximum capacity of one gallon or equivalent size and must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink if punctured or cracked. The floating markers must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam or cork. No hollow buoys or floats including plastic, metal or glass bottles or jugs may be used except manufactured buoys or floats specifically designed for use with nongame fishing devices; these may be hollow if constructed of heavy duty plastic material and approved by the SCDNR. The floating markers must be colored white when used the 1st through the 15th of the month and yellow when used the remainder of the month. The owner's name and address must be marked clearly on each floating marker.
- A commercial trotline must be marked at intervals of every 50 hooks with an international orange float. A recreational trotline must be marked at intervals of every 25 hooks with an international orange float. In both cases, the end marks must conform to the white and yellow marking scheme.

Bait

- No game fish (except bream cut into two or more equal parts), live bait or any bait other than bait listed below shall be used with trotlines, set hooks and jugs: soap, doughballs, nongame fish or bream (cut into two or more equal parts), shrimp, grapes or meat scraps

- (which may not include insects, worms and other invertebrates).
- Except for bait lost while fishing, it is unlawful to intentionally release any aquatic species, including bait, regardless of the stage of its life cycle, into the waters of this State without a permit from the SCDNR.
 - It is unlawful to use any nonindigenous fish as bait that is not already established in the water body being fished except the following minnows: fathead minnows, golden shiners, and goldfish, including 'black salties'.
 - On the Edisto, Black, Sampit, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used with single-barbed set hooks that have a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches or greater. However, it is unlawful for a person to have in possession more than the lawful creel limit of bream while fishing with nongame devices on these rivers.
 - On the Black, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used on trotlines having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches or greater. However, it is unlawful for a person to have in possession more than the lawful creel limit of bream while fishing with nongame devices on these rivers.
 - Game fish used as bait must be included in daily creel limit, 30 bream per person per day. See Freshwater Fish Size & Possession Limits page 20-21.
 - There are no restrictions on the type of bait permissible in traps or eel pots except that no gamefish or parts thereof shall be used as bait.

Prohibited Areas

- No nongame fishing devices of any kind may be used in SCDNR State Managed Lakes.

Prohibited Practices

- Possession or use on the freshwaters of this state of any device or gear designed or used to catch nongame fish not authorized by law is prohibited. Nongame fish may not be taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.
- Possession of game fish or tackle designed to catch game fish is prohibited while fishing traps, trotlines, or other nongame fish devices except cast nets.
- It is unlawful for any person to tamper with, fish, or use in any manner the nongame fishing device or gear owned and tagged by another person, or to take from any such device or gear, any fish caught thereon. No fishing device shall be used, placed, set or fished so as to create a hazard to boating.
- No trotlines, traps or eel pots shall be placed within 200 yards of any permanent man-made structure on Lakes Marion and Moultrie nor placed anywhere in the Diversion Canal connecting Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the Tailrace Canal nor the area known as the Borrow Pit (also known as "Bar Pit") in Clarendon County.
- Nongame devices, such as set hooks, may not be attached or secured to any vegetation or structure on the Congaree National Park property bordering the Wateree or Congaree Rivers. Rules and regulations concerning the Congaree National Park may be obtained from the National Park Service at 803-776-4396 or at www.nps.gov/cong.

Penalties

- The boat, motor, fishing gear and fish of any person who is charged with unlawfully fishing, using or having in possession a gill net or hoop net on any freshwater lake or reservoir shall be confiscated.

- Any person who tampers with any non-game fishing device with intent to damage or to make it ineffective for the purpose of taking fish shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, and for stealing a device or fish caught in the device shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.
- Upon the conviction of any commercial freshwater fisherman of illegal possession of game fish or the sale or traffic in game fish, SCDNR shall suspend such person's license or privilege to fish in this state for a period of one year.

Updated regulations and information are provided when nongame fish tags or permits are issued. Tags, permits and commercial freshwater fishing licenses are available by visiting any **Regional DNR Office**, through the internet or by writing to: SCDNR-License Section, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167 or calling 803-734-3833. Nongame fish tags are issued at each Regional SCDNR office. Tags purchased through the internet or by mail are mailed from the Columbia office and the privilege is not valid until the tag is received by the licensee.

Methods and Devices

A fishing license is required of all persons who fish nongame fishing devices. Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See pages 25-29, Nongame Device Limits by Location.

Gill Nets (Not for shad and herring - see page 30.)

Description	Nets must have a stretch mesh size greater than 4 1/2 inches. The maximum length is 100 yards and no net, cable, line or other device used for support of the gill net can extend more than halfway across the stream or body of water. Nets must be marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 22).
Permits/Regulations	Gill nets shall be placed on a first-come basis, and no net can be placed within 200 yards of another gill net.
Hours/Seasons	The season for taking nongame fish other than shad and herring is Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 (where authorized) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Fishing time begins at 12:01 AM on Wednesday, and ends at midnight on Saturday.

Hoop Nets

Description	Nets made of textile netting (no wire) of a mesh size between 1 and 2 inches square enclosing a series of round hoops with two or more muzzle openings made of a netting material. The maximum size net allowed is 16 feet by 5 1/2 feet in diameter.
Permits/Regulations	Hoop nets must rest on the bottom and cannot be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.
Hours/Seasons	No closed season.

Jugs

Description	A single hook and line attached to a free-floating device with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum of one gallon. May not have more than one line.
Permits/Regulations	A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 jugs (50 jug limit). A licensee's name and customer ID number must be clearly marked on each jug. Jug fishing is legal only in lakes Greenwood, Hartwell, Secession, Richard B. Russell, Thurmond, and Stevens Creek. A permit is not required for 2 jugs with a valid state fishing license. A jug permit is not required for residents assisting jug permit holders.
Hours/Seasons	Must be removed from the water before one hour after official sunrise each day and not replaced prior to one hour before official sunset.

Set Hooks	
Description	A single hook and line attached to bushes, limbs, poles, sticks or similar structures.
Permits/ Regulations	A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 hooks (50 hook limit). Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit. A permit is not required for 2 set hooks with a valid state fishing license. Each set hook must have a label with customer name and customer ID number attached.
Hours/ Seasons	Must be removed prior to one hour after official sunrise each day and cannot be reattached prior to one hour before official sunset.
Traps & Eel Pots	
Description	A device described below marked with a white or yellow floating marker (Markers and Identification, page 22.)
Trap Type 1	The trap may be made of wire or textile material and be cylindrical in shape of a length not more than 6 feet and a width of not more than 3 feet. The mesh shall not be smaller than 1 inch by 1 inch, and there shall be only one application of exterior wire to the trap. The muzzle shall have one of the following designs: A trap door on the second muzzle or catch muzzle which remains in a closed position and which only opens for the entry of fish into the trap; or constructed of netting so that the opening of the small end of the second muzzle or catch muzzle is held in the shape of a slit and the trap configuration constructed such that as the trap rests on the bottom, the slit shall be oriented horizontally with the greatest vertical opening being no greater than 1 inch.
Trap Type 2	The trap may be made of wood strips or slats and be cylindrical or rectangular in shape. The length shall not exceed 6 feet, and the width or diameter shall not exceed 2 feet. The throat opening of the catch muzzle in a resting position shall not exceed 3 inches measured in any direction. The sides, top and rear of the trap shall have a minimum of one inch opening between the slats to allow for the escape of small catfish. This shall apply only to the last 12 inches of the trap.
Eel Pot	Pots no larger than 24 inches by 48 inches and constructed of wire with a mesh size no smaller than 1/2 by 1/2 inch, except for the throat or muzzle and the end opposite the throat or muzzle. The throat opening shall not exceed 2 inches measured in any direction.
Permits/ Regulations	A tag is required for each trap or eel pot. A permit is required for the harvest of eels in both freshwater and saltwater. Traps and eel pots may be suspended in water at a depth which does not create a hazard to watercraft. No trap or eel pot shall be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream. No crab pot or trap of like design may be used in the fresh waters of this state.
Hours/ Seasons	No closed season.



Trotlines	
Description	2 or more hooks attached to a line which is rigged horizontally and marked with a white or yellow floating marker. Stainless steel hooks are prohibited statewide. Hooks used in Lakes Marion and Moultrie ONLY must measure 7/16 inch or less between point and shank. See Markers and Identification on page 22.
Permits/ Regulations	A tag is required for each trotline with up to 50 hooks. Trotlines with more than 50 hooks require a tag for every 50 hooks or less. No trotline shall be attached in any manner to another trotline or to the support or float of another trotline. No trotlines allowed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.
Hours/ Seasons	Trotlines must be inspected and fish removed at least every 24 hours. From Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, no trotline is permitted in any waters from one hour after official sunrise to one hour before official sunset, unless the trotline is sunk to the bottom or a minimum depth of four feet below the surface. From Oct. 2 to Mar. 31, trotlines may be left in the water 24 hours per day at any depth.
Other Devices	
Crayfish Trap	A device constructed of coated wire with the opening of the throat or flues not exceeding 2 1/4 inches with a minimum mesh size of 1/4 inch bar mesh. All crayfish traps must be identified with the name and department customer identification number of the user. These traps only may be used in those bodies of water permitted. A commercial fisherman may fish up to fifty crayfish traps. A recreational fisherman may fish up to five crayfish traps.
Elver Fyke Net	A net with wings not exceeding 10 feet in length and 14 feet in depth. The distance from throat to cod end does not exceed 20 feet. The maximum bar mesh for any part of the net does not exceed 1/8 inch square. (Commercial license and permit required)
Minnow Seine	Must not be greater than 4 feet in depth by 20 feet in length with a mesh size of not more than 1/4 inch square mesh. It is unlawful to have in possession a minnow seine from 10 PM to official sunrise.
Minnow Trap	A cylindrical device not longer than 24 inches and no more than 30 inches in circumference or a rectangular device not larger than 24 inches long, 8 inches high, and 9 inches wide. The mesh must be no smaller than 1/4 inch bar mesh. The throat opening of the funnel of the trap may not exceed 1 inch in diameter. All minnow traps must also include the user's name and a Department of Natural Resources-issued identification number. A minnow trap may be fished with a recreational license only, with a limit of 5 for each person, and must not be fished for commercial purposes.
Seine	A net having a stretch mesh of not less than 1 inch and not more than 1 1/2 inches which does not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth. It shall be unlawful to anchor a seine and leave it unattended.
Skimbow Net	A hand-operated dip net with the bow constructed of wood or metal with wire or textile netting with a mesh size not greater than 1 1/2 inches square. The bow shall not exceed 14 feet in any direction and may be used only from Feb. 1 through Apr. 30 for shad or herring.

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Nongame Device Limits by Location

Water Body	Location	Recreational Devices	Commercial Devices
Ashepoo River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 2 • Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 75 • Set Hooks: 50
Ashley River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 2 • Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 75 • Set Hooks: 50
Black Creek including Lakes Robinson & Prestwood	Darlington, Florence & Chesterfield counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Black River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps (only from Pea House landing downstream): 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps (only from Pea House landing downstream): 10 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Broad River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Seine upstream from SC State Highway 34 Bridge to the NC/SC state line only: 1 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Bush River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seine: 1 	
Catawba River	from the Lake Wylie Dam to the Cedar Creek Dam including the in-stream reservoirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seines not allowed. • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seines not allowed. • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Combahee River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 2 • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 75 • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Congaree River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoop Nets: 10 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 10 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Cooper River	Berkeley & Charleston counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 2 • Pump Nets: 1 • Set Hooks (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 50 • Skimbow Nets: 1 • Traps (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 2 • Trotlines (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 5 • Elver Fyke nets allowed on all tributaries and on the main branch from the saltwater/freshwater dividing line upstream to the CSX railroad trestle on the Tail Race Canal: 10 • Set Hooks (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 50 • Traps (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 25 • Trotlines (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Coosawhatchie River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Hooks: 50
Durbin Creek	Greenville & Laurens counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seines: 1 	

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Water Body	Location	Recreational Devices	Commercial Devices
Edisto River	including the North and South Forks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 2 • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots: 75 • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Enoree River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seine allowed from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in Greenville County downstream to the confluence with the Broad River: 1 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Four Holes Lakes system	in Dorchester County which includes Bridge Lake, John's Hole Lake, Little Pond Lake, Mallard's Lake, Mims Lake, Mouth of Four Holes Lake, Rock's Lake, Shuler Lake, Steed's Lake and Woods Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50
Great Pee Dee River	the waters from the US Interstate Highway 95 to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line including the navigable oxbows and sloughs and Bull Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots downstream from US Highway 701 to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line: 2 • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Skimbow Nets: 1 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel Pots downstream from US Highway 701 to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line: 75 • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Great Pee Dee River	the waters from US Interstate Highway 95 to the NC/SC State Line including the navigable oxbows and sloughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Hoop Nets upstream from SC Highway 34 to the NC/SC State Line: 50 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Jefferies Creek	Florence County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Lake Greenwood		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Hartwell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Keowee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lakes Marion and Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 2 • Trotlines (hooks must have a gap or clearance between point and shank no greater than 7/16"): 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 25 • Trotlines (hooks must have a gap or clearance between point and shank no greater than 7/16"): 3 lines with not more than 400 hooks on each line

Nongame Device Limits by Location			
Water Body	Location	Recreational Devices	Commercial Devices
Lake Murray		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Russell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Secession		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Thurmond and Stevens Creek Reservoir		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugs: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Wateree		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Lake Wylie		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traps: 5 • Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines
Little Pee Dee River	Including Russ's Creek and other navigable oxbows and sloughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines
Little Pee Dee River <small>*Beginning on July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015, and for 3 years thereafter allowed with free special department issued tag. Available through the Columbia Headquarters and the Regional office in Florence</small>	Including Russ's Creek and other navigable oxbows and sloughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoop Nets: 1* • Traps: 2* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoop Nets: 25* • Traps: 25*
Little River	From Mars Bridge in McCormick County up to the confluence of Barkers Creek (Long Branch) and Corner Creek in Anderson County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seine: 1 	
Log Creek	Edgefield County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seine: 1 	
Long Cane Creek	McCormick County from above Patterson Bridge on SC Highway S-33-117 upstream to the SC Highway S-1-75 in Abbeville County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seine: 1 	
Louther's Lake	Darlington County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season • Set Hooks: 50
Lumber River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum

Nongame Device Limits by Location

Water Body	Location	Recreational Devices	Commercial Devices
Lynches River	Includes Clarks Creek, Mill Creek and Muddy Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gill Nets: nongame nets in season Set Hooks: 50 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gill Nets: nongame nets in season Set Hooks: 50 Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum
Mulberry Creek	Greenwood County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 	
New River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50
Pacolet River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum
Rabon Creek	Laurens County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 	
Reedy River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in Greenville County downstream to the backwaters of Lake Greenwood: 1 Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum
Rocky River	Anderson County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 	
Salkehatchie River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50
Saluda River	From SC Highway 183 in Greenville County to the backwaters of Lake Greenwood and on the Middle Reach of the Saluda River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum
Saluda River, Lower Reach		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	
Sampit River		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gill Nets: nongame nets in season Set Hooks: 50 Skimbow Nets: 1 Traps: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 25
Santee River	From USGS gauging station 1715 about 2.4 miles below Santee Dam downstream to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line including the North and South Santee Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eel Pots: 2 Skimbow Nets: 1 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eel Pots: 75 Traps: 50 Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum
Savannah River	Lower reach to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eel Pots: 2 Gill Nets: nongame nets in season Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 2 Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eel Pots: 75 Gill Nets: nongame nets in season Hoop Nets: 10 Set Hooks: 50 Traps: 40 Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum
Stevens Creek	From SC Highway S-19-53 upstream to the confluence of Hard Labor and Cuffytown Creeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine: 1 	

Nongame Device Limits by Location

Water Body	Location	Recreational Devices	Commercial Devices
Thicketty Creek	Cherokee County	• Seine: 1	
Tulifinny River		• Set Hooks: 50	• Set Hooks: 50
Turkey Creek	Edgefield and Greenwood counties	• Seine: 1	
Tyger River		• Seine: 1 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum	• Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum
Waccamaw River		• Eel Pots downstream of the junction of Bull Creek to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line: 2 • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Skimbow Net: 1 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum	• Eel Pots downstream of the junction of Bull Creek to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line: 2 • Gill Nets: nongame nets in season • Set Hooks: 50 • Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum
Warrior Creek	Laurens County	• Seine: 1	
Wateree River		• Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 2 • Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum	• Hoop Nets: 10 • Set Hooks: 50 • Traps: 40 • Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum
Wilson Creek	Greenwood County from the confluence of Wilson Creek and Ninety-Six Creek upstream to US Hwy 25/US Hwy 178 in Greenwood County	• Seine: 1	

Aquatic Education Programs

The Aquatic Education Section of SCDNR offers FREE education programs on recreational fishing techniques, opportunities and angler ethics.

Here are some of the unique, fun fishing and learning opportunities available.

Family Fishing Clinics

Family Fishing Clinics are an introductory class to fishing. Families with kids ages 4 and up can learn how to tie fishing knots, rig a rod and reel, cast and try their hand at fishing.



Fishing Tackle Loaner Program

The tackle loaner program has sites all around the state in various state and county parks that allow adults, kids and families to try their hand at fishing. Checking out a rod, reel and tackle is free. Bring your own bait and pay the park entry fee and the fishing fun is free!

Reel Art

A component of the SC Reel Kids program, the Reel Art program is an art competition for kids in kindergarten through 12th grade. Kids learn about fish and their habitats while creating their fun, creative fish art. Deadline for the competition is March 1st of each year.



Trout in the Classroom

Teachers Take Note! Expose your students to a world of wonder. Let your students raise trout from eggs to fingerlings.

Youth Bass Fishing Clubs

SCDNR, The B.A.S.S. Federation of SC have teamed up to help bring youth bass fishing clubs to schools around the state. Students can establish school bass fishing clubs to compete for prizes, scholarships and more on a club, state and national level.

To learn more about these education programs, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed for more information or call 803-737-8483 or email aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov.

Shad & Herring Fishing Regulations

Applies to American and hickory shad and blueback herring only www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shad

Recreational (unlawful to sell catch)		Commercial (selling your catch oneself or to a dealer)	
Limits	Shad: 10 shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion Canal (20 per person per day) Herring: 1 U.S. bushel of herring per person per day		
Gear Type: Hook and Line, Cast Nets or Skimbow Nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take shad or herring for recreational purposes by hook and line, cast net (for bait), or skimbow net in freshwaters a person MUST have a recreational freshwater fishing license. It is unlawful to take American shad and herring using the following nongame fishing devices: archery equipment, crayfish trap, eel pot, elver fyke net, gig, hand grabbing, hoop net, jug fishing device, minnow seine, minnow trap, pump net, seine, set hook, spear, trap or trotline. 	Gear Type: Cast Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To use a cast net to take herring for commercial purposes, a person MUST have a commercial license, a gear license, and related permits.
Gear Type: Shad Gill Net or Herring Gill Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take shad or herring for recreational purposes using a shad or herring gill net, a person MUST have a recreational fishing license, gear license, and related permits. Only one shad or herring gill net may be fished by occupants of a boat, and if drifted, it must be attended at all times when deployed. Additional boats in tow may not be used to increase the number of authorized nets. Must adhere to legal commercial fishing areas and the recreational limit. It is unlawful to take American shad and herring using the following nongame fishing devices: archery equipment, crayfish trap, eel pot, elver fyke net, gig, hand grabbing, hoop net, jug fishing device, minnow seine, minnow trap, pump net, seine, set hook, spear, trap or trotline. 	Gear Type: Shad Gill Net or Herring Gill Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take shad or herring for commercial purposes using a shad or herring gill net, a person MUST have a commercial fishing license, gear license, and related permits.
Recreational License Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If fishing recreationally in the freshwaters of the state, a person needs a recreational freshwater fishing license. If fishing recreationally in the saltwaters of the state, a person needs a recreational saltwater fishing license. If fishing in both fresh and saltwaters, a person MUST have both a recreational freshwater fishing license and a recreational saltwater fishing license. MUST have a shad gill net or herring gill net license (not the same as a gill net license). MUST have the required permit from the Office of Fisheries Management 843-953-9311. 	Commercial License Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If fishing commercially in the freshwaters of the state, a person needs a commercial freshwater fishing license. If fishing commercially in the saltwaters of the state, a person needs a commercial saltwater fishing license. If fishing in both fresh and saltwaters, a person MUST have both a commercial freshwater fishing and a commercial saltwater fishing license. MUST have a shad gill net, herring gill net or herring cast net license (not the same as a gill net license). MUST have the required permit from the Office of Fisheries Management 843-953-9311.
Shad Gill Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A gill net used for taking or attempting to take shad in the inshore salt waters must have a stretched mesh size of no smaller than 5½ inches and a length not exceeding 900 feet. A gill net used for shad in the freshwaters must have a stretched mesh size of no smaller than 5½ inches and be no longer than 600 hundred feet. Gill nets for taking shad may be freely drift fished or set. 		
Herring Gill Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A gill net used for taking or attempting to take herring in the salt waters of this State must have mesh size of 2½ inches stretched and a length no greater than 900 hundred feet. Gill net used for taking or attempting to take herring in freshwaters must have a stretched mesh of 2½ inches stretched and a length no greater than 600 hundred feet. 		

For more information on recreational or commercial blueback herring, American shad or hickory shad fishing requirements, contact the Office of Fisheries Management at 843-953-9311 or visit <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/licenses/pdf/shad.pdf>.

Invasive Aquatic Plants and Animals

What are Aquatic Invasive Species?

- Non-native organism that lack natural predators or disease that help keep their growth in check. These species typically reproduce rapidly and negatively impact waterways and native aquatic organisms.

Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

- Anyone caught spreading nuisance aquatic weeds, intentional or unintentional, can be fined up to \$500 and/or imprisoned.
- Except for research or under a permit, it is not lawful to possess, sell or place into any waters many water plants including hydrilla, water hyacinth, water lettuce, giant Salvinia, and any other plant on the state or federal Noxious Weed List.
- Except bait lost incidental to fishing or fish released into the waters from which they were taken, it is unlawful to intentionally release any aquatic species, regardless of the stage of its life cycle, into the waters of this State without a permit from the department. It is unlawful to use any nonindigenous fish as bait that is not already established in the water body being fished except the following minnows: fathead minnows, golden shiners, and goldfish, including 'black salties'. A person who is guilty upon conviction of either of these may be fined a minimum of \$500 and/or 30 days in jail.
- A person may not possess, sell, offer for sale, import, bring, or cause to be brought or imported into this State or release anywhere in this State the following species at any stage of its life cycle: carnero or candiru catfish, freshwater electric eel, white amur or grass carp, walking catfish, piranha, stickleback, Mexican banded tetra, sea lamprey, rudd, Snakehead, rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) and other nonindigenous species. SCDNR may issue special import permits to qualified persons for research and education only. A person violating this provision may be fined a minimum of \$500 and/or 30 days in jail.
- It is unlawful to take, harm, or kill grass carp from public waters. Any grass carp taken must be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken. Anyone convicted of doing so may be fined a minimum of \$500 and/or 30 days in jail. Sterile grass carp may only be sold, purchased or possessed under a SCDNR permit.



What You Can Do to Help!



- Remove any visible mud, sand, plants or plant fragments from your boat, wading gear, clothing and or fishing equipment before leaving a water body to prevent transporting any potential hitchhikers.
- Eliminate all water from your motor, live well, boat hull, gear and clothing.
- Don't dump your bait bucket! Dispose of live bait properly in a trash receptacle or on one's compost heap. Not only is it illegal, but live bait introduced into a system even if the live bait is native can introduce disease to an aquatic ecosystem.
- Dispose of shrimp parts and oyster shells properly. Shrimp heads and shells need to be disposed of in the trash and not thrown in the water because non-native shrimp parts can also spread disease. Oyster shells can be taken to a nearby recycling facility.
- Wading gear can be cleaned by either allowing it to dry 100% and remain dry for 5 days before using it again or dip the gear in a 3% bleach solution, rinsed well and allowed to dry thoroughly. Instead of a bleach solution, anglers can instead soak waders in a 100% vinegar solution or a 1% salt solution for 20 minutes.
- Pets allowed to swim should be rinsed, towel dried and brushed well after each fishing or wading trip.
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless that is the water body from which they came.



Taking time to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers will help assure the resources are protected from harmful, exotic species and save millions of public and private dollars in control costs!

For more information:
Web site - www.dnr.sc.gov/invasiveweeds/
E-mail - invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov
Phone - Aquatic Plants 803-755-2836

THIS WATERBODY IS STOCKED WITH
STERILE TRIPLOID GRASS CARP
FOR THE CONTROL OF AQUATIC WEEDS

State Law Section 50-13-1630(E): It is unlawful to take, harm, or kill grass carp from public waters. Any grass carp taken must be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken.

SCDNR
Aquatic Nuisance Species Program
www.dnr.sc.gov/invasiveweeds/

General Information

The following laws pertain to recreational saltwater fishing, shrimping, crabbing and shellfishing. Individuals (age 16 and older) harvesting marine resources, including finfish, oysters, clams, shrimp and crab must purchase an annual, temporary or 3 year Saltwater Recreational Fishing License - unless fishing on a licensed public fishing pier; fishing on a licensed charter vessel while under hire; using 3 or fewer drop nets, 3 or fewer fold up traps, or 3 or fewer handlines with no hooks and a single bait per line (chicken necking); or shrimp baiting (which requires a shrimp baiting license).

Fishing piers and chartered vessels charging a fee for fishing must purchase an annual Public Fishing Pier or Charter Vessel license, respectively. Applications for Public Fishing Pier and Charter Vessel Licenses are available from the SCDNR office in Charleston.

Any person engaged in selling any fish or fishery product, including bait harvested in SC state waters, must first obtain the appropriate license. Regulations concerning commercial saltwater fishing are provided with commercial licenses and are available through the Marine Resources Division at the address below.

For more information, contact: SCDNR Licensing, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9301, <http://www.dnr.sc.gov>.

For federal fishery limits and regulations, contact: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, 843-571-4366, www.safmc.net.

To learn about the projects and programs that received support from the Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Program this fiscal year visit <http://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov>.

Saltwater Fishing Methods & Devices

For information on how to purchase a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License see page 11.

Hook and Line

Permits/License: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required. Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required when fishing for tuna, billfish, swordfish, and sharks in federal waters. The same federal permit is also required for possession of these species in state waters, with the exception of sharks.

Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to fish from a boat within 300 feet of commercial fishing piers extending into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Fishing from the shore in the waters under or within 50 feet on either side or beyond the end of any ocean fishing pier in Horry County is prohibited.
- It is unlawful to use any type of artificial illumination produced by motor fuel powered generators while fishing for flounder in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach.

Gigging (Gig, Spear, & Bow & Arrow)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to gig for sharks.
- It is unlawful to gig red drum or spotted seatrout during Dec., Jan. and Feb.
- It is unlawful in Georgetown County to gig for fish in saltwaters from the northern tip of North Island to the northern tip of Magnolia Beach during daylight hours.
- It is unlawful to use any type of artificial illumination produced by motor fuel powered generators while gigging for flounder in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach.

Cast Nets (Other than Shrimp Baiting)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Seines & Gill Nets (Anchor, Set, Stake & Drift Nets)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License and Gill Net Equipment License required. For more information on equipment licenses call 843-953-9311.

Seasons: No closed season in saltwater (except shad, sturgeon and herring).

Restrictions:

- SC gamefish (cobia, red drum, spotted seatrout, tarpon, and striped bass) may not be taken by nets. Sharks may not be taken by gill nets.

- No more than a lawful gill net can be used recreationally.
- Gill nets no longer than 100 feet with a 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in unrestricted areas of the Atlantic Ocean. Gill nets no longer than 100 yards with 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in special designated inshore areas.
- Gill nets must be marked with one end buoy that is international orange in color with the name and address of the owner. Operator must be within 500 feet of the net, be within hauling distance and have visual contact with the net at all times when deployed.
- Nets may not be set more than halfway across any waterway at any time.
- Stationary or fixed nets, including gill nets, may not be set or placed within 600 feet of a net previously set.
- It is unlawful to use any seine or gill net in any waters within a state park; except, small hand seines and cast nets for taking shrimp are allowed.

Trotlines (Long lines)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License and Trotline Equipment License required. For more information on equipment licenses call 843-953-9311.

Restrictions:

- No more than two trotlines with a cumulative total of 50 hooks or baits can be used recreationally.
- Trotlines used in the inshore SC saltwaters must have at least one end buoy, international orange in color with the name and address of the owner.
- Trotlines used in the Atlantic Ocean must be marked with a buoy not less than 20 inches in diameter at each end, international orange in color, which floats in a manner to be clearly visible at all times.

Special Information

Special Management Zones - The following Artificial Reefs have been declared "Special Management Zones" and are protected by federal regulations: BP-25, Beaufort 45, Betsy Ross, Bill Perry, C.J. Davidson, Cape Romain, Capers, Charleston 60, Comanche, Eagles Nest, Edisto 40, Edisto 60, Edisto Offshore, Fripp Island, Georgetown, Greenville, Hilton Head, Hunting Island, Kiawah, Little River Offshore, North Inlet, Paradise, Pawleys Island, Ten Mile, Vermilion, Wayne Upchurch, Will Goldfinch and Y-73. Fishing may be conducted only with handheld hook and line gear and spearfishing gear (excluding powerheads). The use of fish traps, longlines, gill nets and trawls is prohibited. Powerheads (bangsticks) are prohibited except for safety purposes. It is unlawful to possess, land or sell any species of fish taken with a bangstick (reef and non-reef areas). The harvest and possession of snapper grouper and coastal migratory pelagic species by commercial and recreational fishermen will be limited to the recreational bag limit within the Special Management Zones.

Unlawful to Sell Gamefish & Billfish - The following species have been declared gamefish and native caught fish may not be sold: cobia, red drum (channel bass), spotted seatrout, striped bass and tarpon. The purchase, barter, trade, or sale of billfish, including marlin, sailfish and spearfish, is unlawful regardless of where taken or landed.

Prohibited Practices – The use of dynamite, gun powder, lime or any other explosive in or about any waters of this state is unlawful. • It is unlawful to take, have in one's possession or to land or sell any species of fish taken by means of a bangstick or similar device. • The commercial sale of diamondback terrapins is prohibited. • Harvest and possession of horseshoe crabs is prohibited without a commercial permit. • It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any sea turtles or to offer for sale, sell or destroy any sea turtle eggs. Sea turtles are protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act. • It is unlawful to display, feed, net, trap, harpoon, molest or otherwise interfere with the well-being or normal activity of marine mammals of the orders Cetacea, Sirenia and Pinnipedia, including but not limited to bottlenose dolphin, spotted dolphin, common dolphin, manatee, porpoise, harbor seal and any species of whale in any waters of the state. Marine mammals are also protected by federal law. • It is unlawful to buy, sell, possess or ship Shortnose Sturgeon and Atlantic Sturgeon.

Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) – Four MPA's (Snowy Grouper Wreck, Northern SC, Edisto, and Charleston Deep Artificial Reef) are located off of the SC coast. Fishing or possession (unless gear is appropriately stored) of snapper grouper species and shark bottom longlining is prohibited in these areas. For locations and more details on these MPA's, please visit www.safmc.net or call 843-571-4366.

Size & Catch Limits for Saltwater Fish

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length; See page 37 for information on how to measure a fish.

AIW=Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; State Waters extend from the saltwater-freshwater dividing line to the 3-mile limit.

Federal Waters extend from the 3-mile limit to 200 miles offshore (international waters).

Up to date fishing regulations can be found on the SCDNR website at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/saltwaterfish.html>.

All species in this section must be landed with head and tail intact.

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Inshore Finfish				
American Shad	No closed season for recreational hook & line harvest; For all other gears, seasons as for commercial harvest.	10 shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion Canal (20 per person per day)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 22 & 30 for licensing, permitting, and gear requirements.
Herring	See page 22 for closed areas.	1 U.S. bushel of herring per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 22 & 30 for licensing, permitting, and gear requirements.
Black Drum		5 per person per day	14-inch to 27-inch TL	
Bluefish		15 per person per day		
Flounders (Southern, Summer & Gulf)		20 per person per day not to exceed 40 per boat per day except in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach (10 per person per day not to exceed 20 per boat per day)	14-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limits apply to rod & reel or gig. Any type of artificial illumination produced by motor fuel powered generators cannot be used while gigging or fishing for flounder in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach.
Red Drum	Cannot be harvested by gig Dec. - Feb.	3 per person per day (state waters) 0 per person per day (federal waters)	15-inch to 23-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel and gig. May not be harvested from federal waters.
Saltwater catfishes (Hardhead & gafftopsail catfishes)	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If caught must be released immediately.
Sheepshead		10 per person per day not to exceed 30 per boat per day	14-inch TL	
Spotted seatrout	Cannot be harvested by gig Dec. - Feb.	10 per person per day	14-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel and gig.
Striped Bass	Possession prohibited: June 1 – Sept. 30; 3 fish per person per day: Oct. 1 – May 31 except in lower reach of the Savannah River (2 per person per day year round; see page 21 for details.)	Possession prohibited: June 1 – Sept. 30; 3 fish per person per day: Oct. 1 – May 31 except in lower reach of the Savannah River (2 per person per day year round; see page 21 for details.)	26 inch TL except in lower reach of the Savannah River (27 inch TL; see page 21 for details.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Hybrid Bass, White Bass, & Combinations		In lower reach of the Savannah River: 2 per person per day All other saltwaters: no bag limit	In the lower reach of the Savannah River: 27 inch TL All other saltwaters: no size limit	
Tarpon		1 per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Weakfish		1 per person per day	12-inch TL	
Offshore Finfish				
These species are also federally managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) from 3-200 miles offshore. Regulations for some of these species may be changing soon. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.				
Many of these species are managed under an Annual Catch Limit (ACL). Fishery may close when the ACL is met or projected to be met. Current landings information can be found at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/RecreationalLandingsandCatchLimits.html .				
The harvest and possession of coastal migratory pelagic species by commercial and recreational fishermen will be limited to the recreational bag limit within the Special Management Zones. See "Special Information" (page 32) for information on SMZs.				
See "Special Information" (page 32) for information on Marine Protected Areas.				
Cobia		2 per person per day	33-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters. In state waters may only be taken by rod & reel and gig.
Dolphin		10 per person per day not to exceed 60 per boat per day. Headboats have no boat limit	20-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Dolphin Wahoo permit to fish for this species in federal waters. Sale of recreational catch is prohibited.
King mackerel		3 per person per day	24-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters.

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Offshore Finfish - continued				
Spanish mackerel		15 per person per day	12-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters.
Wahoo		2 per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Dolphin Wahoo permit to fish for this species in federal waters. Sale of recreational catch is prohibited.
Atlantic Tunas				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required to fish for these species except for the Other Tunas. Check current federal regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA (1-888-872-8862) or checking https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ .				
Albacore, Skipjack				
Bigeye Tuna			27-inch curved FL	
Bluefin Tuna		1 per vessel per day per trip	27-inch to 73-inch curved FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See https://hmspermits.noaa.gov for for-hire vessel bag and size limits.
Yellowfin Tuna		3 per person per day per trip	27-inch curved FL	
Other tunas: Blackfin tuna, Bonita, and Little tunny				
Billfish				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required to fish for these species. All billfish to be released may not be removed from the water. All recreationally caught Atlantic billfish landed must be reported to NMFS within 24 hours of landing at the dock. Anglers can report by calling 1-800-894-5528 or by visiting https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ . Recreationally caught billfish may not be sold.				
Blue Marlin			99-inch FL from lower jaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
White Marlin			66-inch FL from lower jaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Sailfish			63-inch FL from lower jaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Swordfish		1 per person per day not to exceed 4 per vessel per trip	47-inch FL from lower jaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel and handlines. Handlines must be attached to, or remain in contact with, the vessel at all times. See https://hmspermits.noaa.gov for for-hire vessel bag limits.
Spearfish (longbill and roundscale)	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If caught fish must be released immediately.
Snapper Grouper Complex				
These species are also federally managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) from 3-200 miles offshore. Regulations for some of these species may be changing soon. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.				
Many of these species are managed under an Annual Catch Limit (ACL). Fishery may close when the ACL is met or projected to be met. Current landings information can be found at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/st/RecreationalLandingsandCatchLimits.html .				
Possession of a dehooking device is required when fishing for snapper grouper species. Non-stainless circle hooks are required when fishing with natural baits for snapper grouper species.				
Sale of snapper grouper under the recreational bag limit is prohibited UNLESS vessel owner has Federal Commercial Snapper Grouper Permit & applicable SC commercial licenses. For-hire vessels must have a Snapper Grouper permit to fish for these species in federal waters.				
The harvest and possession of snapper grouper species by commercial and recreational fishermen will be limited to the recreational bag limit within the Special Management Zones. See "Special Information" (page 32) for information on SMZs.				
Greater Amberjack		1 per person per day In Apr.: 1 per vessel per trip	28-inch FL	
Hogfish			12-inch FL	
Spadefish		No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with snapper grouper complex species		
Wreckfish	Closed: January 1 – June 30 and September 1 – December 31	1 per vessel per day		
Seabass				
Black Seabass		5 per person per day	13-inch TL	

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Snapper Grouper Complex - continued				
Porgies and Snappers				
Red Porgy		3 per person per day	14-inch TL	
Vermillion Snapper	Closed: Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	5 per person per day; excluded from 10 snapper per person per day limit	12-inch TL	
Red Snapper	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		
Lane Snapper		10 per person per day from this group	8-inch TL	
Black, Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray, Mahogany, Schoolmaster			12-inch TL	
Silk and Queen snapper			12-inch TL	
Mutton Snapper			16-inch TL	
Grouper and Tilefish				
Gag & Black Grouper	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30	3 per person per day from this group; no more than 1 Gag or Black grouper or more than 1 Golden Tilefish may be included in this total	24-inch TL	
Scamp, Red, Yellowfin, & Yellowmouth Groupers	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30		20-inch TL	
Golden Tilefish	Closed: June 8, 2012 Will re-open: Jan. 1, 2013			
Blueline Tilefish, Misty Grouper, Yellowedge Grouper and Sand Tilefish				
Coney, Grasby, Red Hind & Rock Hind	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30			
Snowy Grouper		1 per vessel per day; included in the 3 grouper per person per day bag limit		
Warsaw and Speckled Hind	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		
Nassau & Goliath Grouper	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		• If caught must be released by cutting the line and not removing the fish from the water.
Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
All Other Snapper Grouper Complex Species				
Including but not limited to: Lesser amberjack; Cottonwick; White Grunt; Scup; Almaco & Bar Jacks; Margate; Whitebone, Knobbed, Jolthead, Saucereye & Longspine porgies; Banded rudderfish; Sailors choice; Bank seabass; Rock seabass; Gray & Ocean triggerfish			20 per person per day aggregate bag limit	• Bluerunners and Tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.
Sharks				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required in federal waters. All sharks must be landed with fins, head and tail naturally attached. Recreational anglers may only catch sharks using a rod & reel or handline. All other gears prohibited. Check current federal regulations and find a shark identification guide by visiting http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Linkpages/regulations.htm .				
Dogfish (spiny & smooth)				
Atlantic Sharpnose		1 per person per day		
Bonnethead		1 per person per day		
Blacknose, Blacktip, Blue, Bull, Finetooth, Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Lemon, Shortfin Mako, Nurse, Porbeagle, Spinner, Thresher, Tiger and Oceanic Whitetip Sharks		1 shark per vessel per day from this group	54-inch FL	
Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bignose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Caribbean Reef, Sandbar, Sevengill, Caribbean Sharpnose, Silky, Bigeye Sixgill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Bigeye Thresher, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Sand Tiger, Whale and White Sharks	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		• If caught sharks from this group must be released immediately.

Crustacean & Shellfish Methods & Devices

When fishing for crustaceans or shellfish, a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License is required - unless you are using 3 or fewer drop nets, 3 or fewer fold up traps, or 3 or fewer handlines with no hooks and a single bait per line (chicken necking); or shrimp baiting (which requires a shrimp baiting license).

Crab Pots

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

- Licensee can fish no more than two pots recreationally. A Commercial Saltwater Fishing License, Vessel Decal, and Gear license are required for over two pots.
- If unattended each pot float must bear the name and address or license number of owner.
- No crab pot shall be left unattended in coastal waters more than 5 days.
- No crab trap or pot may be set within 200 yards of a public boat landing or launching area or set so as to be left dry at low tide.
- A float attached to a crab pot or trap must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink upon being punctured or cracked. The floats must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam, or cork. The primary float for a recreational pot or trap must be yellow in color and at least ten inches in length if rectangular, cylindrical, or conical and at least five inches in diameter or width. Round or spherical floats must be at least six inches in diameter. Buoy lines for crab pots must be made of nonfloating material.

Gathering Shellfish (Oysters & Clams)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Season: Typically open Oct. 1 through May 15 (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.) Call 843-953-9300 for season dates.

Restrictions:

- Shellfish may be harvested recreationally from State shellfish grounds and Public shellfish grounds. Public and State shellfish grounds are marked with signs. Recreational harvesting is allowed on culture permit grounds (formerly leases), but only when the harvester has in possession written permission from the culture permit holder. License must be in possession while harvesting.

Maps of areas where oysters and clams may be gathered in season for recreation may be found on the web at www.dnr.sc.gov, by calling 843-953-9854 or by writing Marine Resources at PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422.

Shrimp Seines

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

- Maximum length of shrimp seine 40 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, minimum mesh size, 1/2 inch square (1 inch stretch), maximum mesh size 7/8 inch square (1.75 inch stretch).
- Tail bags or pockets are not allowed on seines when pulled by hand.
- Staked seines are considered commercial channel net devices; allowances and restrictions are provided with the purchase of a commercial license.

Trawling

Permits/Licenses: Commercial Saltwater Fishing License, Vessel Decal and Gear license required.

Restrictions:

- Trawling for personal use is restricted to the same license requirements, areas and seasons as commercial trawling. This information is provided with the license.

Shell Recycling

Oyster shells are collected throughout the coastal area and reused for maintenance of public grounds. Call 843-953-9300 for shell drop-off site locations, or visit www.saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/oyster.html for detailed maps of locations.

Species	Closed Season	Possession & Size Limit	Restrictions
Crab, Lobster and Shellfish			
Blue Crabs		Size Limit: 5-inch minimum carapace width (point to point)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Females with egg mass (sponge) must be returned to water unharmed immediately.
Stone Crabs		Size Limit: Claws must be 2 3/4-inch minimum forearm (propodus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only crabs with 2 claws can have one removed. • Only the larger of the 2 claws may be kept. • No claw may be removed from a female with egg mass. • It is unlawful to possess any stone crab body live or dead.
Spiny Lobster		Possession Limit: 2 per person per day Size Limit: 3-inch minimum carapace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of tail at sea prohibited. • No harvest of berried females.• No explosives, poisons, spears, or piercing devices other than fishing hooks are allowed.
Oysters	Typically closed May 16 – Sept. 30; may be shortened or extended by the SCDNR. Call 843-953-9300 for season dates.	Possession Limit: 2 U.S. bushels per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds; No boat, vehicle, or boat/vehicle combination may contain more than 3 personal limits regardless of the number of people on the boat or in the vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person may recreationally harvest shellfish (oysters and/or clams) no more than 2 days per 7 day period.
Clams	Typically closed May 16 – Sept. 30; may be shortened or extended by the SCDNR. Call 843-953-9300 for season dates.	Possession Limit: 1/2 U.S. bushel per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds; No boat, vehicle, or boat/vehicle combination may contain more than 3 personal limits regardless of the number of people on the boat or in the vehicle. Size Limit: 1-inch minimum thickness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person may recreationally harvest shellfish (oysters and/or clams) no more than 2 days per 7 day period.
Shrimp			
Taking Shrimp Without Bait	Closed: Dec. 16 - Apr. 30	48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed per day (sunrise to sunrise) per boat, per person if no boat is used, or per seining party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 dozen dead or live shrimp allowed per boat during closed season.• See Crustacean and Shellfish Methods and Devices for Shrimp Seine Gear Restrictions (see above).

Species	Closed Season	Possession & Size Limit	Restrictions
Shrimp - continued			
Shrimp Baiting	60-day season set by SCDNR beginning at noon on the last Friday on or before September 15. 2012 shrimp baiting season begins 12 noon on Friday Sept. 14 and ends 12 noon Tuesday, Nov. 13.	48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed per day (sunrise to sunrise) per set of poles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must have a shrimp baiting license. License holders, while shrimping from a boat, may be assisted by a resident who is not required to have a shrimp baiting license Shrimp caught over bait cannot be sold. No more than 10 poles can be used per license per day. Poles must be marked with reflective tape and may not exceed 1-inch in diameter and each pole must have a numbered tag attached which corresponds with the shrimp baiting license. No more than 10 poles can be used per boat. All poles of a licensed set must be within 100 linear yards of each other and sets of poles must be at least 25 yards apart. Poles may not be set within 50 yards of any dock, public landing or boat ramp. Unattended poles will be confiscated. Owners of private docks or persons with written permission may bait from those docks once properly licensed and with numbered tag displayed. Shrimp pots or traps are prohibited. Cast nets used for taking shrimp over bait must have a minimum mesh size of 1/2-inch square (1-inch stretch). Individuals who may NOT obtain a shrimp baiting license are: 1) owners or officers of a corporation which owns a vessel specified on a trawl license; 2) masters of a vessel specified on a trawl license; 3) licensed to use a channel net; 4) licensed to use a cast net for a commercial purpose; 5) licensed as a wholesale seafood dealer.



Use Circle Hooks

Anglers are reminded of the conservation benefits of using circle hooks. Because of their unique design, circle hooks almost always hook fish in the mouth, whereas other hooks are more likely to hook fish in the gut or gills. Fish hooked in the gut or gills will often die of injuries shortly after being released. By practicing catch and release with circle hooks, the fish that you release will help to conserve South Carolina's fish populations. Additionally, non-stainless circle hooks are now required when fishing with natural baits for snapper grouper species.

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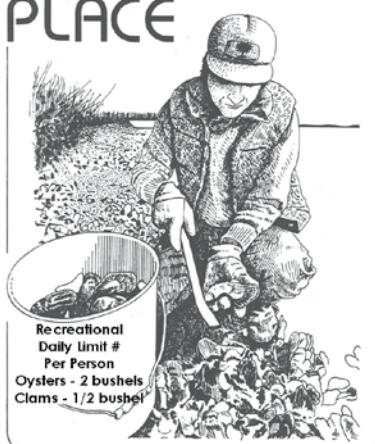
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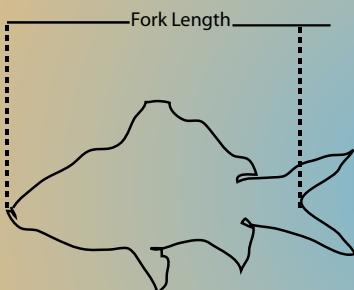


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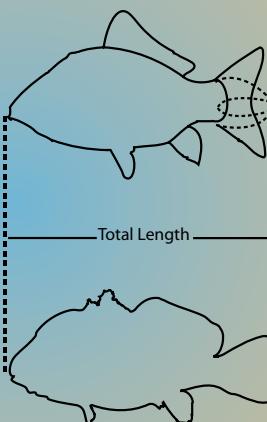


TL=total length measure: Tip of snout to tip of tail (excluding filaments).
Tail should be pinched.

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FL=fork length measure: Tip of snout to fork of tail.



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Regulations in this section apply to both private and public lands statewide, unless otherwise specified.

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on types of licenses and permits is located on pages 11-13. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. For exceptions, see page 11.

Basic Information on Hunting

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

Game Zones & WMAs - South Carolina is divided into six game zones, as defined on the maps on pages 52 and 53.

SCDNR sets and regulates the methods of harvest, bag limits and other requirements for hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) statewide.

The SC General Assembly establishes seasons, limits and methods for private land statewide. SCDNR is responsible for law enforcement statewide.

Protected Game - The following species may be hunted ONLY during legally established seasons: bear, beaver, bobcat, deer, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel, waterfowl (goose, brant and duck), bobwhite quail, mourning dove, rails (marsh hen), coot, gallinule, ruffed grouse, crow, wild turkey, common snipe and woodcock.

Protected Nongame - The following species are protected and may not be hunted, molested, caught, transported, sold or possessed in any manner: birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites and vultures) and nongame birds (except English sparrows, pigeons and starlings). Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

Alligators - It is unlawful to feed or entice an American alligator with food (50-11-750).

Public Alligator Draw Hunts - Hunters will be randomly selected by computerized drawing and may only apply online beginning May 1. A \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to participate in the drawing. All applicants must be at least 16 years old (at the time of the hunt) in order to apply for the drawing. If selected, the permit/tag fee is \$100 and all hunters are required to possess a SC Hunting License. In addition to the \$100 permit fee and SC Hunting License, a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee applies to ALL permitted nonresident alligator hunters. Anyone may assist a permitted hunter, but all assistants must possess a hunting license unless they are under the age of 16. In addition, ALL nonresident alligator hunting assistants 16 years of age or older must obtain a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee Endorsement, available from any license sales vendor. The deadline for applying for each year's Public Alligator Hunting Season is June 15th. The application and other details may be found on the SCDNR website. For information regarding the Alligator Program, and licensing requirements for taking, possessing, and sale of alligators or their products, call 803-734-3938 or 803-734-4024 (the Nonresident Alligator Hunting fee for nonresident alligator hunters and nonresident assistants may be paid at any license vendor location, online at www.dnr.sc.gov, or by phone at 1-866-714-3611).

WMA Alligator Draw Hunts - There is a special WMA Alligator draw hunt, in which the person selected will be permitted to take up to three assistants and have access to either portions of Bear Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) or Santee Coastal WMA for one hunt period (Monday at Noon to Saturday at Noon). There are four available hunt periods during the WMA alligator hunting season. All hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and if a nonresident, pay the nonresident alligator hunting fee. The permit will allow the hunter to take one alligator 4 feet or greater in length from the selected WMA property. There is a \$15 nonrefundable application fee to apply for the WMA Alligator Hunt Drawing and if selected the cost for the permit is \$500 for residents and \$800 for nonresidents. See the SCDNR website for more information.

Archery - means a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow (50-11-565). There are no restrictions on draw weight/length, arrow weight/length, or broad head weight, width, or style.

Bear - It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part or attempt to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part. Transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear part is unlawful except during the bear season. Any person violating these offenses must be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both, and hunting and fishing privileges must be suspended for 3 years. It is unlawful to feed bears or to hunt bears by the aid of bait (50-11-430, 50-11-440, 50-1-130, 50-1-125).

Mountain Bear Season - For the privilege of taking bear, in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit, a hunter must obtain a bear tag issued in his/her name at a cost of \$25 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. Youth under the age of sixteen are required to obtain a youth bear tag from the department at no cost. Bear tags are available online, by mail, or for immediate pickup, at the Columbia, Florence, Charleston or Clemson Offices of SCDNR. Tags must be attached to the bear before being moved from the point of kill.

Participants in party dog hunts for bear must register by application by September 1 with SCDNR. 25 members maximum per party and hunters must provide their hunting license number to register. Write: SCDNR Bear Registration Permit, 311 Natural Resources Dr. Clemson, SC 29631. Applications for tags and for party hunt registration may also be downloaded at: www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting.

Coastal Bear- (Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg counties)- Hunting bears in the coastal plain is by computer drawing only. Ten tags will be issued for each county. Applications will be available Oct. 1 at SCDNR offices, online at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting/>, or by calling 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is Nov. 1. The season is Dec. 1-15, 2012. The nonrefundable application fee is \$10. Those selected will have to purchase a tag at a cost of \$25 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. The tag will only be valid for one of the three counties so applicants should rank the counties in order of preference. Selected hunters will be allowed to hunt on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in the county selected but must have a valid WMA permit. Bears may be taken on private lands as long as the hunter has the permission of the landowner or person holding the hunting lease.

Crows - A hunting license and free Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit are required to hunt crows. Crows are migratory birds and as such, are a federally-protected species. The season is based on criteria established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The open season for crows on private lands in South Carolina is Nov. 1 - Mar. 1. There is no bag limit. During the open season on private lands, crows may be taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Crow hunting on WMA lands is permitted. During the open season for small game hunting on WMAs, crows may only be hunted with weapons legal for small game. The use of electronic calls for crow hunting is permitted statewide on private land and WMA land. Crows damaging crops may be taken at any time using non-toxic shot without a federal permit (50 CFR 21.43).

Deer - Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset (50-11-710).

In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs, and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310).

It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest a deer while any part of the deer is in water (50-11-730).

Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited (50-11-400).

It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner and occupant, except that a landowner may hunt on his own land (50-11-355).

Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

Antlerless Deer - An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline. Antlerless deer may not be possessed, hunted, shot or in any way killed except during special seasons or by special permit (50-11-410).

Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section on page 47.

Optional antlerless deer tag programs that hunters may choose to participate in include the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program and the Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP)**.

With the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** hunters may purchase up to 4 personal tags, for \$5 each, which can be used on any day open to deer hunting with the following Game Zone restrictions: **Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1 (Mountains)**. In Game Zone 2 (Piedmont) tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct.1. In Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain) tags are valid on private lands and "unnamed" small WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags are also valid on Sand Hills State Forest WMA in Chesterfield Co., North Dike WMA in Berkeley Co., Longleaf Pine WMA in Lee Co., Francis Marion National Forest in Berkeley and Charleston counties during still gun hunts for deer starting Sept. 15 and on Ditch Pond HP WMA in Barnwell and Aiken Counties and on Henderson HP WMA in Aiken County beginning Oct.1. Tags do not have to be used on scheduled county-wide either-sex days. Tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits prescribed for Game Zones or alter the type of weapon allowed.

All persons purchasing tags in past years will be sent a renewal notice in August. New applicants may complete the application provided on page 13 or contact SCDNR Deer Project at 803-734-3886 to receive an application. The possession and use of these tags are limited to the purchaser.

Antlerless Deer Quota Program - Antlerless deer quotas are issued to qualifying landowners or lessees statewide who complete and submit an application along with a \$50 fee prior to Jul. 18 each year. This program is generally better suited for landowners or lessees with larger acreages. Under the ADQP, a quota of tags is issued for a particular tract of land based on criteria including: density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

Utilization of tags issued under the ADQP is subject to the following Game Zone restrictions. In Game Zone 1 (Mountains) tags are valid beginning Oct. 1. In Game Zone 2 (Central & Western Piedmont) and Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain) tags are valid beginning Sept. 15. Tags issued for a particular tract of land can only be used on that tract and they must be used on all antlerless deer that are harvested, including antlerless deer harvested on either-sex days or by bow and arrow in Game Zones 1 & 2. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits or use of weapons during special weapons seasons in Game Zones 1 & 2. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

Coyotes and Armadillos - A hunting license is required, however there is no closed season on hunting coyotes and armadillos on private land statewide during daylight hours. The use of bait and electronic calls is legal. Coyotes and armadillos may be hunted at night with or without the aid of bait, electronic calls, artificial lights, or night vision devices using a bow and arrow other than a crossbow, a rimfire rifle, a shotgun with shot size no larger than a BB, or a pistol of any caliber having iron sights, a barrel length not exceeding nine inches. The pistol may not be equipped with a butt-stock, scope, or laser sight.

From the last day of February to July 1, upon notification to SCDNR at least 48 hours in advance, coyotes may be hunted at night with artificial lights and night vision devices using any legal firearm, bow, or crossbow. Notice to SCDNR is required once per season for each property and the names and hunting license numbers of each person participating in the hunt must be listed. Hunters using centerfire rifles during this time must be at an elevated position at least 10 feet from the ground. Persons convicted of certain road hunting and night hunting violations during the previous five years are ineligible to hunt coyotes at night. **The required notification system will be in place by February 2013 at www.dnr.sc.gov/nighthunt**.

Coyotes and armadillos cannot be hunted at night on WMA lands but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where coyote and armadillo hunting is allowed.

On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt coyotes and armadillos are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on the WMA - see WMA seasons listing in the Game Zones sections beginning on page 56. The use of electronic calls for coyote hunting is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for coyotes is allowed year-round on private lands statewide. Deer may not be hunted with dogs on any lands

in Game Zones 1 & 2. On WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2 coyotes may not be hunted with dogs during still gun and muzzleloader hunts for deer or bear. The possession or transport of live coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR.

Feral Hogs - Feral or wild hogs occur in the wild in every county of the state. They compete directly with native wildlife species, damage plants, agricultural crops and threaten public and livestock health. Those dressing feral hogs should wear rubber gloves and eye protection.

It is illegal to remove a hog from the wild alive unless it is taken pursuant to a permit issued by the SCDNR at a cost of \$50 (50-16-25). All hogs taken pursuant to a permit must be tagged in each ear with tags provided by the Department and may only be released onto the same tract of land or into a permitted hog hunting enclosure within the county where the hogs were captured. Hogs taken under permit within a county cannot be transported into or through another county.

There is no closed season or weapon restrictions on hogs on private land during daylight hours. Hogs can be hunted at night with or without the aid of bait, electronic calls, artificial lights, or night vision devices using a bow and arrow other than a crossbow, or a pistol of any caliber having iron sights, a barrel length not exceeding nine inches, and which is not equipped with a butt-stock, scope, or laser sight (50-11-710). Hogs may not be hunted at night with a centerfire rifle or shotgun, unless specifically permitted by the department. Dogs can be used to hunt and bay hogs at night as long as the hunter(s) complies with the equipment restrictions above.

From the last day of February to July 1, upon notification to SCDNR at least 48 hours in advance, hogs may be hunted at night with artificial lights and night vision devices using any legal firearm, bow, or crossbow. Notice to SCDNR is required once per season for each property and the names and hunting license numbers of each person participating in the hunt must be listed. Hunters using centerfire rifles during this time must be at an elevated position at least 10 feet from the ground. Persons convicted of certain road hunting and night hunting violations during the previous five years are ineligible to hunt hogs at night. **The required notification system will be in place by February 2013 at www.dnr.sc.gov/nighthunt**.

Hogs cannot be hunted at night on WMA lands, but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where hog hunting is allowed. See WMA page 67.

Importation and Possession - It is unlawful to import, possess or transport for the purpose of release, or to introduce or bring into this state any live wildlife of the following types without a permit from the SCDNR: a member of the family Cervidae (deer, moose, elk, etc.), coyote, bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel and beaver), a nondomestic member of the families Suidae or Tayassuidae (pigs), or Bovidae (bison, antelope, mountain goat, mountain sheep) (50-16-20).

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations (50-11-1765). It is unlawful to import coyotes. The sale of coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR (50-11-2630). A person may not have a live wolf in his possession without a SCDNR permit. Federal law prohibits importing, exporting, selling, buying, receiving or acquiring big cats across state lines. For information and exceptions, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region, 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345. **Prohibition of Sale, Purchase, Donation, or Transfer of Ownership Wildlife as Pets** - The Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Rabies Control Act (47-5-50) prohibits the sale, purchase, donation, or transfer of ownership of nondomesticated carnivores (raccoons, foxes, skunks, bobcats, coyotes, wolves, wolf dogs, weasels, civet cats, spotted skunks, and lynx or the offspring born to any combinations of crossbreeding (hybrids) between these wild animals and domestic dogs or cats) to private individuals in this State. It is illegal to import native furbearing species into the state for any purpose except with a permit issued by SCDNR. Requests for importing furbearing animals for private possession violate the spirit of the Rabies Control Act and will be denied.

Note: SCDNR does not advocate or encourage keeping wildlife in captivity.

Primitive Weapons - For special primitive weapons seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbows and muzzleloading shotguns of twenty gauge or larger, and rifles of .36 caliber or larger with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitrocellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the

propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems including flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, or electronic. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted (50-11-310).

Turkey - Season dates: Game Zone 6 private land only, Mar. 15-May 1. Game Zones 1,2,3,4,5 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, Apr. 1-May 1. See page 49 for season dates and regulations for WMA and private land. No Sunday hunting on WMAs.

Small Game - Small game includes the following species: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasel. Unless otherwise specified in the small game seasons charts beginning on page 48, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through Mar. 1.

Migratory Birds - Migratory birds include: mourning dove, marsh hens, rails, woodcock, common snipe, common moorhens, purple gallinules, ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, coots, blue & snow geese, brant, Canada geese and crows.

Effective Jul. 1, 1998, anyone over 16 or all licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds in the United States must have an HIP permit and complete a short questionnaire before hunting. Permits are available from any SCDNR license sales vendor, SCDNR office or online. There is no cost for the permit.

Seasons, shooting hours, limits and other special restrictions on migratory bird hunting are set by SCDNR in accordance with guidelines set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Detailed SCDNR South Carolina Rules & Regulations information on the seasons and restrictions is provided in a separate Migratory Bird Brochure available in September.

Listed below are frequently requested rules for hunting migratory birds.

- Shotguns must be plugged so as to hold no more than 3 shells.
- Baiting or hunting over bait is strictly prohibited.
- All hunting hours end at official sunset.
- The possession of lead shot is prohibited while waterfowl hunting.
- In addition to a migratory bird permit (HIP), a SC Migratory Waterfowl Permit and Federal Waterfowl Stamp is required for hunting ducks, geese and brandt. Electronic Federal Waterfowl Stamps are not valid in SC.

Refer to the Migratory Bird Brochure for complete information on particular species and other restrictions.

Bird Dog Training - Bird dogs may be trained year-round on private land. Trainers must have a valid hunting license and may only use firearms with blank ammunition during the closed season for quail. A Bird Dog Trainer's License is available to persons engaged in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods or services. This license allows a trainer and two assistants to take pen-raised quail during the closed season while training dogs. Applicants must provide documentation of land areas to be used for training. For information, or to obtain a license, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

Calls, recorded or electronically amplified - It is illegal to hunt, catch, take, kill or attempt to hunt, catch, take or kill any game bird or game animal with the aid of recorded calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of calls or sounds (50-11-40). Crows, coyotes or hogs are not game birds/animals and therefore can be hunted using electronic calls on private lands and WMA lands.

Crossbows - Crossbows may be used on private lands and WMA lands statewide during all archery, muzzleloader or gun seasons for deer, bear and turkey.

Deer Processors - It is unlawful to keep any deer in cold storage or refrigerating plants unless the carcass is clearly marked with the hunter's name, address and hunting license number (50-11-1700). This does not apply to storage at a private residence or to deer that have an Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program tag attached to the hamstring since the hunter's name, address and tag number appear on the face of the tag. Deer processors should recognize that it is unlawful to sell deer meat to regain the processing fee for deer that have not been picked-up by the owner (50-11-1910). The best practice is to take a deposit for the processing service when deer are left at the facility. If meat is not picked-up by the owner, it can be given to another individual at no charge.

Field Trials - It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field

trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

Hunting from Public Roads - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying or having readily accessible a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See WMA Regulations Page 43 for restrictions on WMA lands.

Negligent Hunting - It is unlawful to use a firearm or archery tackle in a criminally negligent manner while in preparation for, engaged in the act of, or returning from hunting. Criminal negligence is defined as the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Night - Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day (50-11-710).

Night Hunting - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, skunk, coyotes, armadillos and hogs may be hunted at night. Information related to hunting coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs during night is provided on page 41 of this document under specific headings for these animals.

Raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, and skunk may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs. Devices that amplify light using some type of power source (including night vision and infrared devices) are considered artificial light. No buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any ammunition larger than .22 rimfire may be used. It is unlawful to use artificial lights at night, except vehicle headlights while traveling in a normal manner on a public road or highway, while in possession of or with immediate access to, both ammunition of a type prohibited for use at night and a firearm capable of firing the ammunition (50-11-710). Rabbit hunting at night without weapons is lawful on private land.

Rabbit Boxes - It is unlawful for any person to trap rabbits, except that a landlord or tenant may use not more than five rabbit boxes on lands on which he has exclusive control during the gun season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands (50-11-160).

Running Seasons (No gun season) - During any period when rabbits, raccoons, opossums, squirrels or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on one's person or in one's vehicle any firearm.

Shining - In all game zones, the use of artificial lights for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful, except that a property owner, lessee, or person with written permission from the property owner may use artificial lights to observe wildlife prior to 11:00 PM. This section does not prohibit an owner of real property from using artificial lights for the purpose of protecting the property. This section does not prohibit the use of remote trail monitors or cameras from fixed locations on a property, nor does it prohibit a person or group, with written permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the property, from observing wildlife with the use of artificial lights who is engaged in research or documentary filming (50-11-708). This section does not prohibit a person from lawfully hunting coyotes, armadillos, and hogs at night as provided for by law (See page 41).

Selling Game Animals - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife (50-1-290). Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact SCDNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

Sunday Hunting - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands statewide, Sunday hunting for all game is legal.

Transporting Firearms - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 43.

Commercial Fur Harvest - There were substantive changes in law this year. Regulations are available in a separate publication or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>.

Trapping - There were substantive changes in law this year. Trapping regulations are available in a separate publication or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>.

Trespass - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for

the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping or retrieval of dogs without the consent of the landowner or manager.

Youth Hunting Days - are scheduled for many species of game

and allow youth 17 years of age and under to hunt as long as they are accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years or older. Only the youth may take or attempt to take game and license requirements are waived for the youth hunter (50-9-740). See Page 68 for youth hunt day list.

WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to, roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise

abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).

WMA Regulations www.dnr.sc.gov/wma



WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$800 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in Jul., waterfowl and quail hunts in Sept. and youth/adult only turkey hunts in Feb.. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-Aug. (deer), mid-Oct. for quail and waterfowl and early Mar. for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 6 or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts).

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- On all SCDNR-owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts (including arrowheads) from the surface or subsurface is prohibited except when approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and carried out in accordance with their guidelines.
- Statutes 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210 authorize the promulgation of WMA regulations R123-40. See specific game zones for seasons.

2.1 Except as provided in these regulations, it is unlawful to hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.

2.2 Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowner or the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, activities or conditions on these lands which cause or may cause personal injury or property damage.

2.3 Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.

2.4 It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license; a valid WMA permit; and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps, or licenses.

2.5 No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

2.6 On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait. Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

2.7 On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. All stands and temporary climbing devices must be removed by the end of deer hunting season.

2.8 On WMA lands any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) who is validly licensed and holds applicable permits, licenses or stamps for the use of WMA lands. Sight and voice contact must be maintained.

2.9 Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special seasons on any day during the regular hunting season.

2.10 No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department.

2.11 While participating in a hunt on WMAs, no person may possess, consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

2.12 On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, still hunting only, two deer, either-sex.

2.13 Taking or destroying timber, other forest products or cutting firewood on WMA lands without written permission from the landowner or his agents is prohibited. Users of WMA lands are prohibited from planting, attempting to plant, burning or otherwise attempting to manipulate crops, natural vegetation or openings without written permission from the landowner or his agent.

2.14 On WMA lands, hunting armadillos, coyotes and hogs at night is prohibited. Armadillos and coyotes may be hunted during any open season for game during daylight hours. Weapon(s) used to hunt armadillos and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on WMA.

WEAPONS

3.1 On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow or hand gun except specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 or smaller rimfire rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.).

3.2 For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; there are no restrictions on ignition systems (e.g. Flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, electronic, etc.). During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.

3.3 On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still hunts for deer or hogs on the Santee Coastal Reserve, Bucksport, Pee Dee Station Site, Lewis Ocean Bay, Great Pee Dee, Crackernack, Webb Center, Marsh Furniture, Manchester State Forest, Palachucola, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Donnelley, Francis Marion, Moultrie, Edisto River, Bonneau Ferry and McBee WMA lands.

3.4 On WMAs all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded and secured in a weapons case, or in the trunk of a vehicle or in a locked toolbox. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle, rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber, magazine or muzzle-loader with a cap on the nipple or flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

3.5 No target practice is permitted on WMA lands except in specifically designated areas.

3.6 On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no open season for hunting on any designated recreational trail on U.S Forest Service or SC Public Service Authority property.

DEER

4.1 On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on either-sex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull. On WMA lands, man drives for deer or hogs are permitted between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the department for taking deer of either-sex. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game Zones 1 & 2 man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing or moving such animals toward other hunters.

4.2 Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (See Game Zone sections beginning on page 56 for specific dates):

- Game Zone 1: The first three Saturdays in Nov.
- Game Zones 2-6: Every Saturday from Oct. 1 to the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day inclusive; Saturdays in Dec. beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving Day and the last day of the open season. In Game Zones 1 and 2 hunters using archery equipment may take either sex during any open season for deer.

DOGS

5.1 On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

5.2 On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2, dogs may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer or bear. Dogs may be used from the close of the gun season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Dogs may be trained for rabbit hunting from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30 (no guns).

5.3 On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after official sunset and thirty (30) minutes before official sunrise.

5.4 The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1 & 2. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

5.5 Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special party dog bear season.

5.6 On WMA lands, dogs may be used to hunt hogs only during special designated hog hunts with dogs.

VEHICLES

All terrain vehicles are not allowed on any Heritage Preserve Reg. 123-203 D.1.

6.1 On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that mobility-impaired hunters may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, mobility impaired means individuals who are permanently confined to a wheelchair, permanently require the use of two crutches, permanently require the use of a walker to walk, or persons with single or double leg amputations. Written confirmation of permanent impairment is required from a physician or qualifying agency.

6.2 On WMA lands, motor-driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor-driven land conveyances.

6.3 It is unlawful to obstruct travel routes on WMA lands.

VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

7.1 On WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting season for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters, including small game hunters, must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, turkey, ducks, geese and other migratory birds are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

CAMPING

8.1 Camping is not permitted on WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

TRAPPING

9.1 Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

WATERFOWL and DOVE REGULATIONS

Dates, times, locations and regulations for hunts on designated Dove Management Areas (public dove fields) are printed annually. The Public Dove Field List is available Aug. 1 by calling 803-734-3886 or on the SCDNR web site at <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/wma>. Specific seasons, limits and regulations for waterfowl hunting are printed annually in the SC Migratory Bird Regulations available in Sept.

10.1 Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted to special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird framework.

10.2 The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

10.3 On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others or portable blinds which are removed at the conclusion of the hunt may be used.

10.4 On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace WMA.

10.5 No fishing is permitted in any Category 1 Designated Waterfowl Management Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.6 The Clarks Hill Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting except for special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

10.7 Santee Cooper WMA is closed to public access from Oct. 20 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

10.8 Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area and impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.9 Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Feb. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.10 Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelley, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period Nov. 1 until Feb. 8, except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period Feb. 9 until Oct. 14 is limited to designated areas. On Bear Island WMA, Matthews Canal is closed to all hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 15 beyond a point 0.8 mile from the confluence of Matthews Canal with the South Edisto River.

10.11 Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to public access and fishing one week prior to and two weeks after the Federal Waterfowl Season, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 AM on hunt days. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

10.12 Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3:00 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM except on the last Saturday of waterfowl season

when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 until Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS

Area	Open Dates Inclusive
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Bear Island (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.
Beaverdam (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Broad River (Fairfield County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Cos.)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.
Donnelley (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Dunaway (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Duncan Creek (Laurens County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Dungannon (Charleston County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season. No hunting from boardwalk.
Enoree River (Newberry County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Clemson (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Hatchery (Berkeley County)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.
Hickory Top (Clarendon County)	Federal waterfowl seasons.
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon County)	Sat. AM until 11:00 AM only during the regular season. No season on roads or dikes.
Lake Cunningham (Greenville County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.
Lancaster Reservoir (Lancaster County)	Mon. and Fri. AM only during the regular season.
Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Marsh (Marion County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Monticello Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Moultrie (Berkeley County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS

Area	Open Dates Inclusive
Parr Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.
Potato Creek Hatchery (Clarendon County)	Wed. and Sat. only during the regular season.
Russell Creek (McCormick County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island) (Colleton County)	Thurs. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Samworth (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Sandy Beach (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Santee Coastal Res. (Charleston/Georgetown counties)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Santee Cooper (Orangeburg County)	Sat. AM only during regular season.
Santee-Delta (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Tibwin (Charleston County)	Special hunts by drawing.
Turtle Island (Jasper County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Tyger River (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Great Pee Dee (Darlington County)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.
Little Pee Dee River Complex (Horry/Marion counties)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.
Waccamaw River HP (Horry County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only.
Wee Tee (Williamsburg/Georgetown counties)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Woodbury (Marion County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
40 Acre Rock (Lancaster County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.

10.14 On Crackerneck WMA waterfowl may be hunted only on Fri., Sat. and Thanksgiving Day within the regular migratory bird seasons and no hunting on Dec. 25; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons; Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA, Hamilton Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open AM only for waterfowl hunting during the regular migratory bird seasons only on days when small game hunting is allowed.

10.15 Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee-Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

10.16 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree

Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, 40 Acre Rock, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Ditch Pond, Santee Cooper and Woodbury Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

10.17 On Hickory Top WMA, public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8'. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8' requires a WMA permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir.

10.18 Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

10.19 Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to hunting access Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 AM

on hunt days. No open season from roads or the dike system. Hunters may only use electric motors on boats.

10.20 On all state-owned, US Forest Service and other federally-owned Category I and II Waterfowl Management Areas, each hunter is limited to 25 non-toxic shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten, polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed.

10.21 On Enoree River, Dunaway, Duncan Creek, Russell Creek and Tyger River Waterfowl Areas, data cards are required for hunter access during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving each of these areas.

10.22 Woodbury Waterfowl Management Area includes all SCDNR/owned property south of US Highway 378 and bounded on the west by the Great Pee Dee River and Bluff Road and to the east by the Little Pee Dee River except no waterfowl hunting allowed in the area known as Hass Pond that is bounded on all sides by Hass Pond Road.

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

11.1 Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department-owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

Shooting Ranges <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/shooting>

SCDNR operates multiple shooting ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. All SCDNR ranges are 100 yards or less. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 18 or for the Palachucola Range call 803-625-3569.

Pickens County Range - From Easley, take SC Highway 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile and turn left at the red gate. The range is located at the end of the gravel road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM (EST) or as posted. Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 864-855-5747.

SCDNR James O. Thomason Shooting Range - (Spartanburg Co.) From Pauline, take SC Highway 215 approximately .5 mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Circle and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM (EST). Closed Sun. and Mon.

Palachucola Range - (Hampton Co.) - 8:00 AM - dark, Wednesday & Saturday except during deer & turkey hunts. Dates are posted at the range or call 803-625-3569 for more information.

Manchester State Forest Shooting Range - (SC Forestry Commission, Sumter County) \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per year. Hearing protection required. For more information, call 803-494-8196.

Hours: Open Saturday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

SCDNR Belfast WMA Shooting Range - (Laurens Co.) 6655 Highway 560, Kinards, SC 29355

Hours: Open Wednesday - Saturday. Daylight hours only, Sunday 2 PM - Dark Closed Monday and Tuesday.

US Forest Service Shooting Ranges

Cedar Creek Shooting Range - (Oconee Co.) Year round. Fully accessible to disabled visitors. Three of five shooting tables are under a shelter. For more information, call 864-638-9568 or fax 864-638-2659.

Candy Branch Shooting Range - (Abbeville Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Five firing lines with left or right benches including one accessible to disabled visitors. For more information call 803-637-5396 or fax 803-637-2273.

Beaverdam Shooting Range - (Edgefield Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Eight open firing lines with left or right benches. For more information call 803-637-5396 or fax 803-637-2273.

Fairforest Shooting Range - (Union Co.), **Leeds Shooting Range** (Chester Co.), **Philson Crossroads Shooting Range** (Laurens Co.), **Indian Creek Shooting Range** (Newberry Co.) Year round, day use. All have six firing lanes, left and right benches are available, including one bench accessible to disabled visitors. For more information call 864-427-9858 or fax 864-427-3529.

Francis Marion Shooting Ranges - Year round, daylight hours only. Shooting tables, including one fully-accessible to disabled visitors. For more information call Wambaw District at 843-887-3257 or fax 843-887-3848 or Witherbee District at 843-336-3248 or fax 843-336-4789.

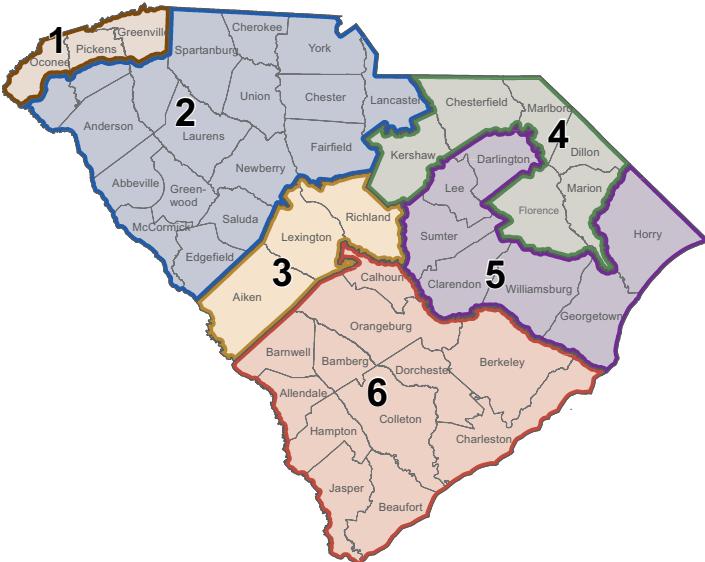


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For 75 years, WSFR has provided over \$12 billion for fish and wildlife, supplied jobs for many Americans, and benefitted local economies through boating, fishing, hunting, and shooting activities.

Deer & Bear Seasons on Private Lands



- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands.
- Archery and crossbows allowed during all seasons.
- Crossbows are considered archery equipment.
- Limit of 2 antlerless deer on posted either-sex days.
- Limits listed include deer taken on private & WMA lands.
- Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1. Tags are valid in Game Zones 3-6 beginning Sept. 15 and in Game Zone 2 beginning Oct. 1. Individual tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily(2 per day) or seasonal limit or change the type of weapon that can be used during special weapons seasons.
- In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310). Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

Game Zone 1 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery & Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - Oct. 10, Limit 2 per day, 2 deer total. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and gun). Muzzleloader is buck only.

Archery only: Oct. 17 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total
 Gun Hunts: Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total
 Buck only: Oct. 11 - 16, Oct. 31 - Jan. 1
 Either-Sex: Nov. 3, 10, 17

Bear Seasons For Game Zone 1 ONLY

- Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 40)
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.

Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Oct. 17-23	1 bear No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less
Party Dog Hunts	Oct. 24-30	5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

Statewide Youth Day

Private lands: Jan. 5th Limit 2 either-sex No tags required

Game Zone 2 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery: Sept. 15 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total either-sex. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader and gun).

Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - 10, Limit 2 deer total, buck only
 Either-Sex: Oct. 6

Gun Hunts: Oct. 11 - Jan. 1, Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

Either-Sex: Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1

Game Zone 3 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only
 Either-Sex: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1

Game Zone 4 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Sept. 1-14, buck only
 Gun Hunts: Sept. 15-Jan. 1, buck only
 Either-Sex: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1

Game Zone 5 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Aug. 15-31, buck only
 Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1, buck only
 Either-Sex: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1

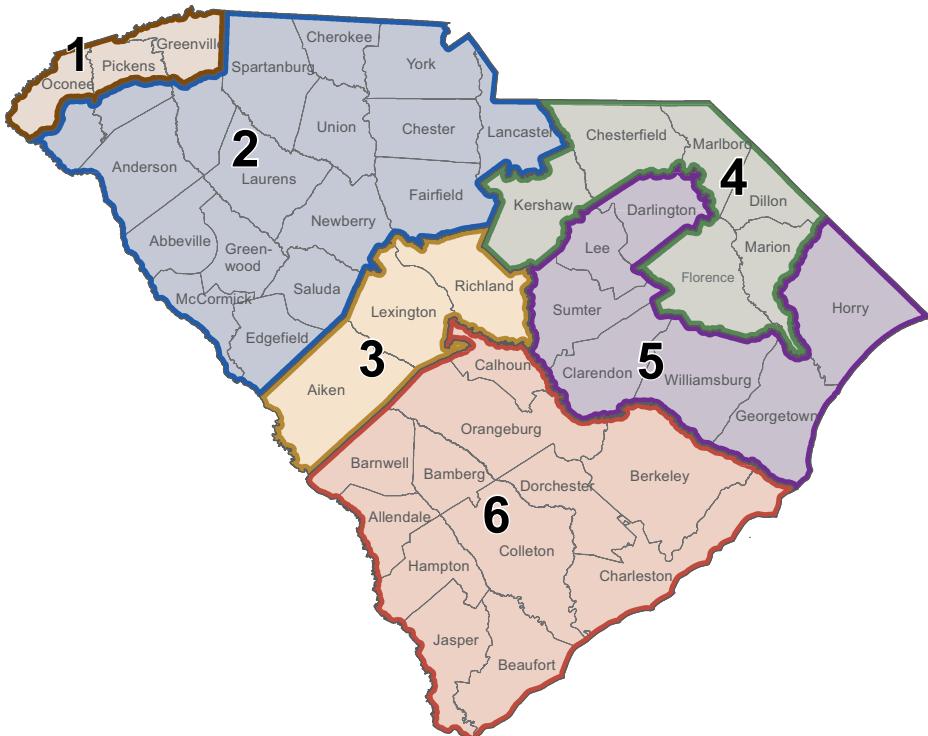
Game Zone 6 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only
 Either-Sex: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1

Small Game Seasons on Private Lands



Statewide Youth Day

**Private lands
Game Zone limits apply**
Raccoon: Sept. 8, 2012
Squirrel: Sept. 29, 2012
Quail: Nov. 17, 2012
Rabbit: Mar. 2, 2013

All Game Zones Statewide Seasons on Private Lands

Mourning Doves	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only) Sept. 4 - Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15	15 per day
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Quail	Mar. 2 -Nov. 18, 2012 (dogs only) Nov. 19-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 -Nov. 24, 2013 (dogs only)	12 per day
Rabbit	Mar. 2-Nov. 21, 2012 (dogs only) Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 27, 2013 (dogs only)	5 per day
Squirrel	Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2012 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2013 (dogs only)	10 per day
Fox	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 27, 2013 (no guns)	No limit
Beaver	Year-round	No limit
Coyote	Year-round Electronic calls are legal	No limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	Nov. 22-Mar. 1	No limit
Grouse	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 Game Zone 1 only	3 per day

Game Zone 1 & 2 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2012 (dogs only)
Oct. 15 - Mar. 1, 2013, 3 per party per day
no limit for opossum
Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2013 (dogs only)

Game Zone 3 & 6 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)
Sept. 15, 2012 - Mar. 15, 2013 (guns & dogs) no limit
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2013 (dogs only)

Game Zone 4 & 5 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)
Sept. 15, 2012 - Mar. 15, 2013 (guns & dogs)
3 per party per day
no limit for opossum
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2013 (dogs only)

2013 Spring Turkey Seasons on Private Lands and WMAs www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/

Game Zone **1 2 3 4 & 5**

Private Lands and WMA Lands

Except Named WMAs listed below.

Apr. 1 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.

Limit 5 gobblers per season statewide, no more than 2 per day, except 2 total gobblers for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Richland and Sumter counties.

Game Zone **6 Private Lands**

Mar. 15 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.

Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day.

Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required)

Mar. 30 for youth 17 years old and younger accompanied by a licensed adult 21 or older. No license required for youth. Adult may call or guide, however, only the youth may take or attempt to take. Limit 2 gobblers.

Wildlife Management Areas Open to Turkey Hunting Apr. 1 - May 1 (Named WMAs)

AREAS OPEN	LIMIT	AREAS OPEN	LIMIT
¹ Keowee WMA	2	Waccamaw River HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Fants Grove WMA	2	Cartwheel Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2	³ Little Pee Dee River Complex (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Sand Hills State Forest WMA	2	Victoria Bluff WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
⁴ Webb-Palachucola-Hamilton Ridge	2	² Crackerneck WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	5
Manchester State Forest WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2	Worth Mountain WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Moultrie Hunt Unit (Wed & Sat Only) Greenfield, Hall, North Dike, Porcher	2	Draper WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Bluefield WMA (Adult/youth Only, Wed & Sat Only)	2	Wee Tee State Forest (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Santee Dam WMA	2	Woodbury WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2
Edisto River WMA (Wed. Only)	2	Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	2
⁴ Oak Lea WMA (Wed Only)	2	Longleaf Pine HP WMA (Wed. & Sat. Only)	2
Marsh WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2	• Game Zones 1 & 2 "unnamed" WMA's including US Forest Service Land.	5
McBee WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2	• Game Zones 3-5 "unnamed" WMA's - county limits apply (see Private Lands section)	
Hickory Top WMA	2		
⁵ Pee Dee Station Site WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1		
⁵ Great Pee Dee River WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1		
Tillman Sand Ridge WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	2		
Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1		

Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required) Mar. 30, 2013. For all areas listed above except Keowee WMA.

General turkey hunting laws and regulations for hunting on private & WMA lands

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands (SC 50-11-555). No Sunday hunting allowed on WMA land (Reg. 123-51).
- Statewide limit of 5 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (Reg. 123-51).
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16 or those who are calling, guiding, must possess a valid set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged before being moved from the point of kill. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Legal weapons - shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and crossbows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot (SC 50-11-500, Reg. 123-51).
- Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs, live decoys or electronic calls (SC 50-11-40, Reg. 123-51).
- Unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise. Unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a vehicle on a public road. Unlawful to trap or snare wild turkey. Unlawful to take wild turkey from a watercraft (SC 50-11-500).
- Unlawful to hunt or take a wild turkey by means of bait or on or over any baited area (SC 50-11-510). Bait means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of salt, corn, wheat, or other grain, or foodstuffs to constitute a lure or attraction for wild turkeys. An area remains a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all bait. NOTE: The following activities can result in a baited area if done prior to or during turkey season: planting, discing or manipulating chufa to expose the tubers; mowing or manipulating standing grain crops where grain is scattered or exposed; top sowing of any grains; bait or feed intended for other species.

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE DRAW HUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Savannah River Site will hold a draw hunt for persons with disabilities in Apr.. For hunt applications, contact NWTF's Wheelin' Sportmen's Coordinator, 800-843-6983 ext 7421.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC HUNT DRAWINGS

Donnelley WMA, Santee Cooper WMA, Bonneau Ferry WMA (Adult/ Youth) & Belfast WMA (Adult Hunts and Adult/Youth hunts). Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To receive an application, please write: SC DNR Turkey Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is Feb. 28.

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The turkey season for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands, in Game Zones 1 and 2, is the same as the WMA turkey season unless otherwise posted.

CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing only. Contact: Carolina Sandhills NWR, 23734 Highway 1, McBee, SC 29101 or call 843-335-6026

¹ Keowee WMA - Shotguns only -- north of Highway 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell to Highway 291 and west of Highway 291. Archery Only on other sections.

² Crackerneck WMA - Main gate opens at 4:30 AM and closed at 1:00 pm. All hunters must check in and out at main gate.

³ Little Pee Dee River Complex includes Tilghman, Dargan (including upper Gunter Is. and Huggins tracts), Little Pee Dee River and Ward Heritage Preserves in portions of Horry and Marion counties.

⁴ On Webb, Palachucola, Hamilton Ridge and Oak Lea WMA's, all turkey hunters must pick up and return data cards daily to kiosk and display hang tags on vehicles. Harvested turkeys must be checked in at the self-check kiosk located adjacent to the check stations at the respective properties.

⁵ On Pee Dee Station site WMA, Great Pee Dee River WMA, Woodbury WMA and Marsh WMA all hunters must sign in and sign out.

How to get Turkey Tags

Request tags each year when you get your new hunting license. Tags will be mailed to you in late February. If "Turkey Tags" appears on your hunting license, you should receive tags by mail. If you do not get the tags by mail, they will be available at SCDNR offices and some local vendors beginning the first week in March. A list of locations can be found at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/pdf/turkey.pdf> You can also order tags on line at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/turkeytags/>. **Turkey Tags must be in possession while hunting for wild turkey.**

SCDNR Heritage Preserve Use Regulations

Visitation and use of heritage preserves are governed by regulations to promote public enjoyment of the land while preserving the features that make them special.

Complete regulations for heritage preserves may be found in SC Code of Regulations 123-200 through 204 or go to <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/heritage>, select any heritage preserve, then select "regulations."

Thanks to Landowners

Landowners providing their land for public hunting and recreation are due much appreciation from the SCDNR and all outdoor enthusiasts. Without these lands, public hunting as provided in this state would be impossible. Sportsmen seeing the yellow and black diamond-shaped signs designating WMA boundaries should remember they are hunting as guests of the landowner and be respectful of this privilege.

U. S. Forest Service	629,906	TIAA Timberlands II (Hancock Forest Mgt.)	4,708	Duke Power (ROWS)	1,200
SC Department of Natural Resources	231,230	American Timberland II (RMK)	3,203	TNC - Ninetimes	560
SC Forestry Commission.....	90,301	Georgia Power Company	2,814	Lavinia B. George	569
Crescent Resources	326	Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust).....	3,252	City of Walhalla.....	439
SC Public Service Authority (Santee)....	24,012	SC Dept. of Commerce	1,675	City of Clinton	276
Clemson University.....	11,265	SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee)	2,754	Brown Family Partnership & Jack L. Brown	120
Department of Energy	10,470	Corps of Engineers (Santee).....	2,465	Commission of Public Works (Greer)	100
American Forest Management	16,069	Knightwood (Hancock Forest Mgt.)	1,468	Mary L. Phillips	117
SCPRT	7,571	Springland, Inc.....	1,856	William & Joab Lesesne	92
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.)	6,506	Carolina Power & Light.....	1,036	Elizabeth Neville	655
S.C. Electric & Gas Company.....	5,203	SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats.....	1,249	John and Irene Blackmon.....	1,587
Timber-Lands L.P.....	1,903	Duke Energy Carolinas.....	7,353	TOTAL	1,086,554
Plum Creek.....	4,887	York County	1,643		
Teredo Timber.....	2,976	Jordan Properties	2,483		

Wildlife Diseases www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/chronicwasting

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is a Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) that affects deer and elk. TSE's are fatal neurological diseases characterized by degeneration of the brain. CWD attacks the central nervous system and presents symptoms including extreme weight loss, excessive salivation and urination, odd behavior and poor coordination. The disease is infectious, communicable and always fatal. CWD has a prolonged incubation period and no current test exists to detect the disease in live animals. Diagnosis requires examination of the brain or lymph nodes.

The CWD agent is believed to be a prion, a mutated protein that causes normal proteins in the body to fold abnormally, which causes sponge-like holes in the brain. It is not known exactly how CWD is spread, but it is believed that the agent may be spread both by direct animal-to-animal contact and indirectly by contact with a previously contaminated surface, such as the soil.

There is no indication that CWD of deer and elk can be transmitted between species other than cervids (deer family), and both the World Health Organization and federal Centers for Disease Control have indicated that there is currently no indication that the disease can infect humans.

Although the disease has not been diagnosed in South Carolina, it has been found in the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New

York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Hunters traveling to these states should only bring the following carcass parts into South Carolina: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; meat that has been boned out; hides with no heads attached; clean (no meat or tissue attached) skulls or skull plates with antlers attached; antlers (detached from the skull plate); clean upper canine teeth, also called "buglers," "whistlers" or "ivories," and finished taxidermy heads.

Surveillance conducted by SCDNR on approximately 5,500 deer over the last 10 years continues to provide no evidence of CWD in SC. South Carolina should continue to have low risk for CWD for two reasons. First, South Carolina is geographically far from any known CWD. Second, there is evidence that movements of deer/elk for commercial purposes may have played a role in the spread of CWD, and SCDNR has historically had a closed-door policy on importation of cervids for commercial purposes like deer farming or ranching. Please, do not tolerate illegal activity or behavior that threatens your hunting tradition. You can proactively protect South Carolina's deer population by reporting illegal importation of deer or elk by calling 1-800-922-5431.

Wildlife Management Areas www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/

WMA Program

Through the cooperative effort of private landowners, the U. S. Forest Service and the SCDNR, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are provided for the enjoyment of all wildlife enthusiasts. Funds generated from the sale of WMA permits enable SCDNR to lease approximately 1.1 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some heritage preserves

offer game hunting opportunities and are included in the WMA Program. All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 52-53. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands, write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202, call 803-734-3886 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html. Reference map # from chart below.



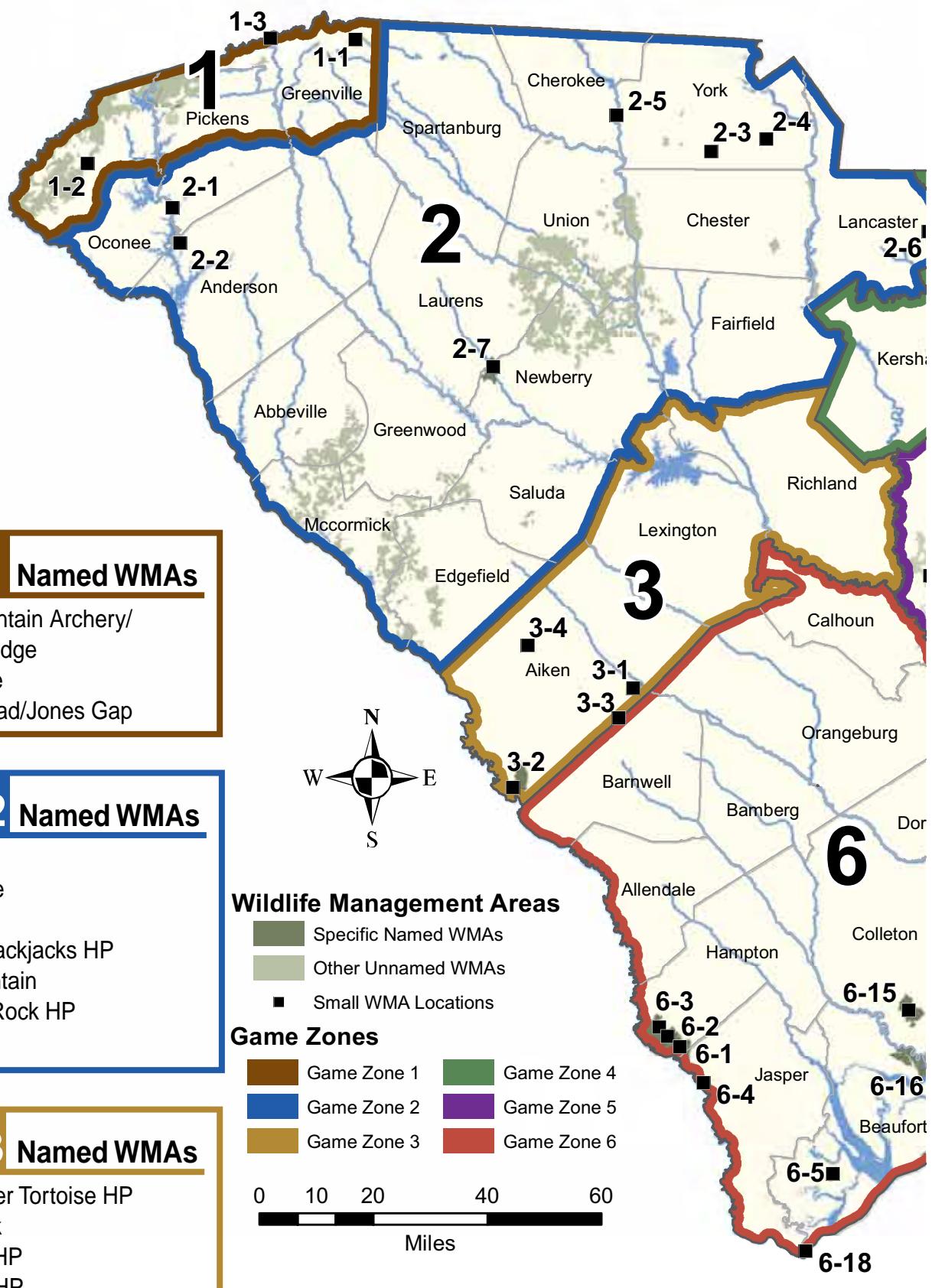
Wildlife Management Area Properties

WMA Properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.

Wildlife Management Area	Acreage	Map #	County	Telephone	Deer	Hogs	Bear	Turkey	Dove	Waterfowl	Quail	Squirrel	Rabbit	Raccoon	Fox
Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve*	1,622	3	Aiken	803-734-3886	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bear Island*	12,153	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Belfast*	4,664	4	Laurens, Newberry	803-734-3886	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bonneau Ferry*	10,712	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Botany Bay Plantation	4,687	10	Charleston	843-869-2713	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Canal	2,491	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387				x	x	x	x				
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	183,706	4,5,6	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	803-734-3886	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crackerneck	10,470	3	Aiken	803-725-3663	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve*	233	3	Aiken, Barnwell	803-734-3886	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Donnelley*	8,060	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Draper*, McConnells*, Ross*	1,360	5	York	864-427-5140	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	643	9,10	Charleston	843-546-3226	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Edisto River*	1,394	10	Dorchester	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fants Grove	7,444	1,2	Anderson, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Francis Marion National Forest	258,816	9,10	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	6,7	Darlington	843-661-4766	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hamilton Ridge*	13,281	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hatchery	2,400	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Henderson Heritage Preserve*	417	3	Aiken	803-734-3886	x										
Hickory Top	1,105	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Keowee	4,930	1,2	Pickens, Oconee	864-654-1671	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,343	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,238	8	Horry, Marion	843-546-3226	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	7	Lee	803-419-9374	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve*	291	7	Lee	803-419-9374				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Manchester State Forest	23,135	7	Sumter	803-494-8196	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh*	8,560	8	Marion	843-661-4766	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,199	6	Chesterfield	843-661-4766	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Moultrie	9,951	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mountain Hunt Unit	152,575	1	Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oak Lea	2,000	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Old Island Heritage Preserve*	400	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x										
Palachucola*	6,757	10	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	4,5	Fairfield, Newberry	803-609-6992	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	8	Florence	843-661-4766	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	291	5	York	864-419-9374	x										
Samworth*	1,588	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	5,6,7	Chesterfield, Darlington	843-661-4766	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Coastal*	24,000	9,10	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Cooper	3,144	7	Orangeburg	803-734-3886	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Dam	575	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee-Delta*	1,722	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	10,302	10	Beaufort	843-844-8822	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	1,422	10	Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Turtle Island*	1,700	10	Jasper	803-625-3569					x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,113	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,387	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Webb*	5,860	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wee Tee	12,439	9,10	Williamsburg, Georgetown	843-661-4766	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	146,561	2,3,4	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Woodbury	25,668	8	Marion	843-661-4766	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Worth Mountain	1,643	5	York	864-427-5140	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Named Wildlife Management Areas

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/wma>



Game Zone 1 Named WMAs

- 1-1 Glassy Mountain Archery/
Chestnut Ridge
- 1-2 Stumphouse
- 1-3 Caesars Head/Jones Gap

Game Zone 2 Named WMAs

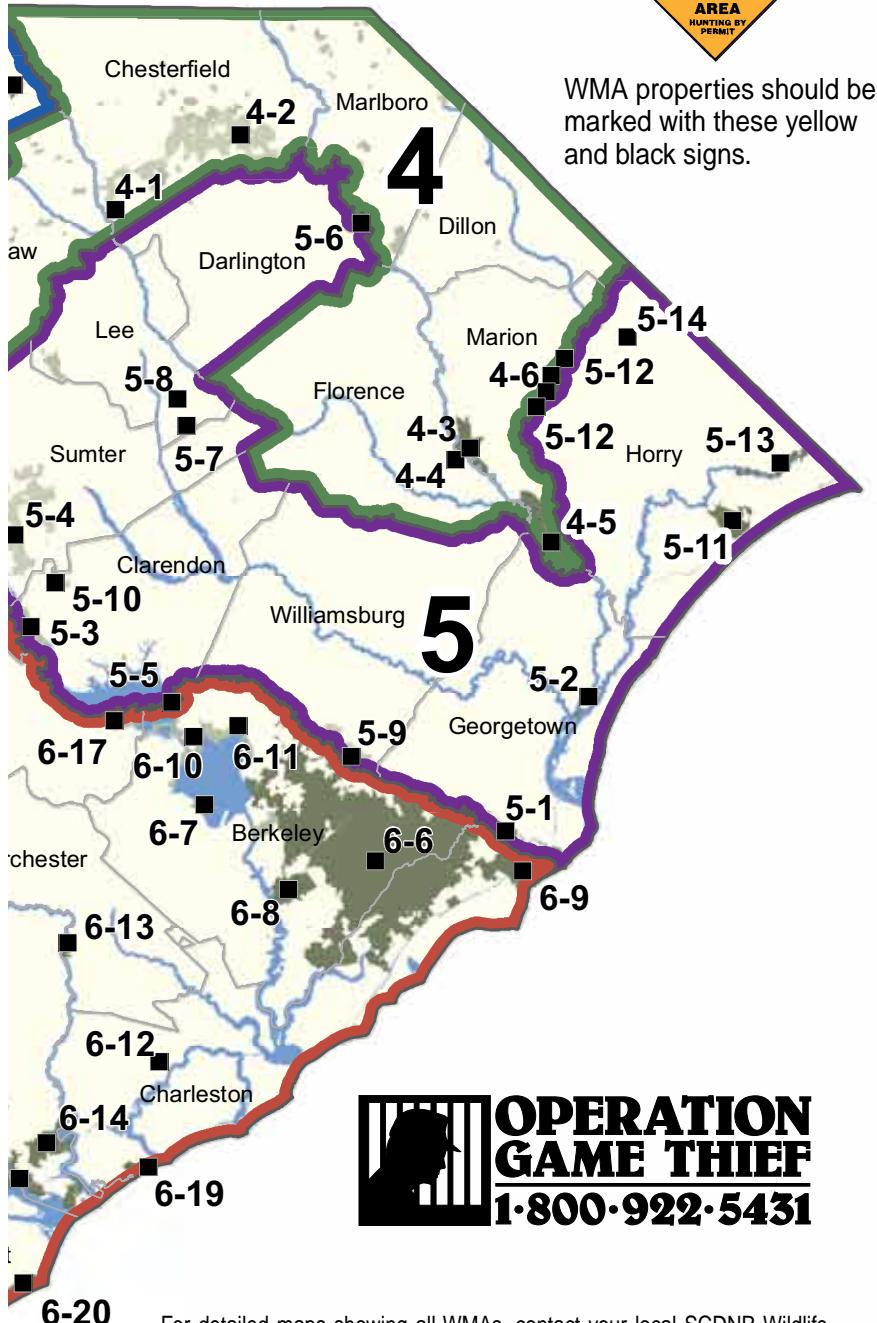
- 2-1 Keowee
- 2-2 Fant's Grove
- 2-3 Draper
- 2-4 Rock Hill Blackjacks HP
- 2-5 Worth Mountain
- 2-6 Forty Acre Rock HP
- 2-7 Belfast

Game Zone 3 Named WMAs

- 3-1 Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP
- 3-2 Crackerneck
- 3-3 Ditch Pond HP
- 3-4 Henderson HP

Two types of property are included in the Wildlife Management Area Program: "specific" named WMAs and "other" unnamed WMAs. Other WMA lands occur as scattered tracts, often leased from private landowners and the forest industry. The hunting seasons for these unnamed properties are set by Game Zone with all the "other" WMA tracts within a particular Game Zone having the same seasons. These "other" WMA lands are shown as unlabeled green tracts on the WMA maps.

"Specific" WMAs are generally larger tracts of land, many owned and managed by SCDNR and have special seasons. These "named" WMAs are shown as labeled dark green tracts on the WMA maps. The hunting seasons for named WMAs are listed within each Game Zone.



For detailed maps showing all WMAs, contact your local SCDNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 6) or write: WMA Maps, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3886. Request by map number found on page 51.

New: To view and print WMA maps from the internet, go to
www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html

Game Zone 4 Named WMAs

- 4-1 McBee WMA
- 4-2 Sand Hills State Forest WMA
- 4-3 Marsh WMA
- 4-4 Pee Dee Station Site WMA
- 4-5 Woodbury WMA
- 4-6 Little Pee Dee River

Game Zone 5 Named WMAs

- 5-1 Santee-Delta
- 5-2 Samworth
- 5-3 Hickory Top
- 5-4 Manchester State Forest
- 5-5 Santee Dam
- 5-6 Great Pee Dee HP
- 5-7 Longleaf Pine HP
- 5-8 Lynchburg Savanna HP
- 5-9 Wee Tee
- 5-10 Oak Lea
- 5-11 Lewis Ocean Bay HP
- 5-12 Little Pee Dee River HP
- 5-13 Waccamaw River HP
- 5-14 Cartwheel Bay HP

Game Zone 6 Named WMAs

- 6-1 Palachucola
- 6-2 Webb
- 6-3 Hamilton Ridge
- 6-4 Tillman Sand Ridge HP
- 6-5 Victoria Bluff HP
- 6-6 Francis Marion NF
- 6-7 Hatchery
- 6-8 Bonneau Ferry
- 6-9 Santee Coastal Reserve
- 6-10 Moultrie
- 6-11 Canal
- 6-12 Dungannon HP
- 6-13 Edisto
- 6-14 Bear Island
- 6-15 Donnelley
- 6-16 St. Helena Sound HP
- 6-17 Santee Cooper
- 6-18 Turtle Island
- 6-19 Botany Bay Plantation HP
- 6-20 Old Island HP

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Game Zone 1 WMAs only

Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville counties

Game Zone 1 consists of all properties north of the main line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad from the Georgia State line to South Carolina Highway 183 in Westminister, then north of SC Highway 183 to intersection of SC Highway 183 and the Norfolk So. Railroad main line in Greenville and then north of the main line of the Norfolk So. Railroad to the Spartanburg County line.

This section WMA only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Deer - Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on WMAs. Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid on WMA land in Game Zone 1. Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands. No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun). Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts. Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts). Crossbows are considered archery equipment. Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply. The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 1 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted. 	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 (see page 68 for WMAs) 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required
Archery & Muzzleloader WMA	Oct. 1-10 • Archery either-sex • Muzzleloader buck only 2 per day, 2 deer total
Archery only WMA	Oct 17-30 either-sex • No muzzleloader hunting 2 per day, 2 deer total
Gun Hunts on WMA Lands	Oct. 11-16, Oct. 31-Jan. 1 buck only Nov. 3, 10, 17 either-sex 2 per day, 7 deer total • No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day. • Archery and muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.
Bear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 40). No Sunday hunting for bear on WMA. Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24. Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts. 	
Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Oct. 17-23 1 bear No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less
Party Dog Hunts	Oct. 24-30 5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less • Hogs allowed. • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 No limit • Handguns only • Daylight hours only • No more than 4 dogs per party
Small Game - Other WMAs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs. 	
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 4-Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 training season-dogs, no guns. Nov. 19, 2012 -Mar. 1, 2013 guns and dogs 12 per day

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2012 -Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
Grouse	Nov. 22 - Mar. 1 3 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Oct. 13 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 21 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Named WMAs

Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area- Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve (Greenville County)

Located on the southwest side of the South Pacolet River and west of the junction of the South Pacolet River and its main tributary creek as posted.

Deer (No Dogs)	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 Archery either-sex Oct. 31-Jan. 1 Archery either-sex	total 2 deer
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Stumphouse WMA (Youth Area) Oconee County

Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through Mar. 1. In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior citizens over 65 years of age are exempted from accompanying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk-in use only.

Caesars Head/Jones Gap WMA Greenville County

SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism special permit required. See Game Zone 1 WMA map for more details.

Long Creek Tract (Forest Service) Oconee County

Game Zone 1 seasons, except small game only between Thanksgiving Day and Mar. 1.

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Game Zone 2 WMAs only

Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York counties & those portions of the counties of Greenville, Oconee & Pickens south of the Game Zone 1 line.

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671; 2751 Highway 72 E., Abbeville, SC 864-223-2731	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons. Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands. No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun). During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs. Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts). Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply. The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 2 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted. 	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 68 for WMAs)
Archery only on WMAs	Sept. 15-29 2 per day, 3 deer total Nov. 26-Dec. 8 either-sex
Archery & Muzzleloader on WMAs	Oct. 1-10 muzzle loader buck only 2 deer total archery either sex Oct. 6 either-sex, muzzleloader • No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Nov. 26-Dec. 8 • Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts (Dec. 10-Jan. 1)
Gun Hunts on WMAs	Oct. 11-Nov. 24, Dec. 10-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex 2 per day, 10 deer total • No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Nov. 26-Dec. 8.
Special Hog hunt with Dogs	Feb. 1-Feb. 15 No limit • Handguns only • Daylight hours only • No more than 4 dogs per party
Small Game - Other WMAs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs. Small game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons. 	
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 4-Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 19, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2012 - Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22, 2012 - Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Oct. 13 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 21 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22,-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	
Beaver Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No limit Crow Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit Deer Archery Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit	
Named WMAs	
Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties	
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total <i>Total may not include more than 1 buck.</i>
Small Game	
Shotguns only north of Highway 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Highway. Also west of Highway 291 north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Highway 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.	
Quail	Dec. 26-Feb. 27, Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day
Other Small Game	Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 15-Dec. 22
Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties	
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex 1 buck only 2 per day, 3 deer total Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side or minimum 12 inch antler spread.
Small Game	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Zone 2 seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 22) and Special Youth hunts (Oct. 1). Except dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields. Waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season. 	
Quail	Dec. 26-Feb. 27, Wed. and Sat. only
Draper WMA York County	
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons & Limits
Small Game	
Dove	Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.
Quail	Dec. 1, 8, 19, 26 Jan. 2, 5, 9, 12 10 per day sunrise until 4:00 pm
Rabbit	Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, Feb. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 3 per day
Small Game other than Dove, Quail & Rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. No Fox Squirrels.
Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield County	
Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
Small Game - Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit & Quail	
Quail	Feb. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 2 limits
Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York County	
Archery	Sept. 15-29, Nov. 26-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
Small Game	Small game hunting is not allowed.
Worth Mountain WMA York County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area - Antlered Bucks must have 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. Zone 2 seasons and limits apply. Use of individual deer tags and county wide either-sex days apply. 	
Small Game	Zone 2 seasons and limits.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry counties	
• All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering or leaving Belfast WMA.	
• All turkey hunts are by draw only.	
• Belfast WMA is closed to public access of all types one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except for hunts regulated by SCNR.	
• Hunters may not enter the WMA prior to 5:00 AM on designated hunts.	
• Public visitation is not allowed during scheduled deer or turkey hunts.	
• Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Belfast WMA.	
• Hunters are required to have a data card in possession while on the property during scheduled hunts.	
• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.	



Game Zone 3 WMAs only

Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-3886	Law Enforcement Office: 1000 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 803-734-4303
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Other WMAs	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept.15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 68 for WMAs)
Archery & Gun Hunts unnamed WMAs	Sept. 1-Jan. 1 buck only Either sex Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days. No hunting on WMAs before Sept.1.
Small Game - other WMAs	Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept.1 or after Mar.1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only), Sept. 4-Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 19, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Sept. 13 running season-dogs Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 21 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 WMA land No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry counties (continued)	
Deer Archery	Sept. 17-22 either-sex 2 per day, 3 per hunt period No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Oct. 6 either-sex 2 per day No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Small Game	Dec. 10-Mar. 1 except no small game hunting on Jan. 5 Game zone 2 bag limits (No open season for fox squirrels, fox or bobcats)

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Named WMAs	
Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County	
Deer Gun Hunts	
Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only	
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex	
1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks.	
• No buckshot or dogs allowed. • During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.	
• Hogs may be taken during deer hunts only. No dogs. No limit.	
• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.	
Small Game	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits • Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 3 raccoons per party per night. Opossums no limit.
Crackerneck WMA Aiken County	
• Quality Deer Management Area - antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to top of the point.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 5-6 either-sex 2 deer total No more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs
Deer Muzzle-loader	Oct. 12-13 either-sex 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck No limit on hogs
Deer Gun Hunts	
Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.	
Oct. 19-Dec. 29 buck only	
Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 either-sex	
2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks. No limit on hogs	
• All individuals must sign in and out at gate.	
• No buckshot or dogs allowed.	
• Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment) on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00 am and closes at 8:00 pm.	
• On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30 am-7:00 pm.	
• Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.	
• Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.	
• No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Crackerneck WMA Aiken County (continued)	
Hog Party Hunts (With Dogs)	Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Handguns only.
Small Game	
Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day ONLY during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except no hunting before Oct. 19 or after Feb. 23. Game Zone 3 limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All individuals must sign in and out at gate. Bobcats, foxes, otters and fox squirrels may not be hunted. During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov. - Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30 am-7:00 pm. 	
Raccoon & Opossum	
Oct. 20-Dec. 29 Saturday nights only; Jan. 4-Feb. 23 Friday & Sat. nights only Raccoons - 3 per party per night. Opossum no limit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All individuals must sign in and out at gate. Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays -1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays -1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise. 	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex 1 deer per day, 3 deer total not to include more than 2 bucks.
Small Game	
Nov. 22-Mar. 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No raccoon hunting allowed. 	
Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex 1 deer per day, 3 deer total not to include more than 2 bucks.



Game Zone 4 WMAs only

Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Florence & Marion counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

SCDNR Offices

Wildlife Offices:
295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC
843-661-4766

Law Enforcement Office:
295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC
843-661-4766

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Deer - Other WMAs	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.	
• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).	
• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 68 for WMAs)
Deer Archery only WMAs	Sept. 1-14 buck only total of 3 deer for all archery hunts, 2 per day
Deer Archery & Gun Hunts WMAs	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 buck-only Either-sex Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 2 per day 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks
Small Game - other WMAs	Small Game seasons on WMAs listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only) Sept. 4-Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 29, training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 19, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns and dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs 5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Sept. 13 running season-dogs, no guns Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 21 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22-Mar. 1 guns & dogs

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
Crow	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1 No limit
Named WMAs	
Marsh WMA Marion County	
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh WMA.	
• All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk.	
• No ATV's.	
• No buckshot.	
• Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts & special hog hunts.	
• A portion of Marsh WMA is designated a youth special hunt area and is closed for hunting except for special draw hunts.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-6 either-sex 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 8-20 either-sex 1 deer per day Hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 22-Nov. 17 buck only 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Special Hog Still Gun Hunt	Mar. 1-16 (Mon.-Sat.) Hogs Only May 2-June 29, 2013, Aug. 8-31, 2013(Thurs. - Sat. only) No Limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 7-26 (Mon.-Sat.), July 4-27, 2013 (Thurs.-Sat. only) No Limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handguns only Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs No live hogs removed

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits			
Marsh WMA Marion County (continued)				
Small Game				
Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, & Quail	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (Wed.-Sat. only) No open season on fox squirrels.	Game Zone 4 limits		
Woodcock	Wed.-Sat. Federal season			
Raccoons	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (nights only)	3 per party per night		
Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield County				
No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at H. Cooper Black Jr. Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555.				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	2 per day, 3 deer total		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only			
	Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex	2 per day 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks • Muzzleloaders may be used during all gun hunts. • No buckshot allowed. • Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15. • No man drives allowed.		
Small Game				
• No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555. No quail hunting allowed on H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial Area. • Regular Zone 4 & 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 15-Jan. 1.				
Special Coyote Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Mar. 1-16 coyotes only Electronic Calls Allowed	No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns.		
McBee WMA Chesterfield County				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Nov. 24 either-sex	2 per day, 3 deer total		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Nov. 24 buck only			
	Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 either-sex	2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks No dogs during gun hunts. No buckshot.		
Small Game: Quail	Hunts by drawing only. See page 43.			
Small Game other than Quail or Dove	Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits except no hunting before Jan. 10 or after Mar. 1. No fox squirrel hunting.			

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits			
Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence County				
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA. • Scouting days are Sept. 29-30, Oct. 13-14, Nov. 3-4 • Must sign in and out at kiosk. • No buckshot or dogs allowed.				
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-6 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 15-20, Nov. 5-10 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Special Hog Still Hunts	Mar. 1-16 Archery, crossbows and muzzleloaders only	Hogs only, No Limit		
Raccoon	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (Nights only)	3 per party per night		
Small Game	Nov. 24-Feb. 27 (Wed. and Sat. only)	Game Zone 4 limits		
Woodbury WMA Marion County				
• Quality Deer Management Area—antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to the top of the point. • No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method. • All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk. • Hog hunting allowed only during deer hunts and special hog hunts. • No buckshot. • No ATV's allowed.				
Deer Archery	Sept 15-Oct. 6 either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 8-20 either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 22-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit		
Special Hog Still Gun Hunts	Mar. 1-16 (Mon. - Sat.) May 2-June. 29, 2013, Aug. 8-31, 2013 (Thurs.-Sat only)	Hogs only No limit		
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 7-26, July 4-27, 2013 • Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs • Handguns only • No live hogs removed from Woodbury WMA	No limit		
Small Game				
Gray Squirrels & Quail	Dec. 10-Mar. 1	No open season on fox squirrels Game Zone bag limits		
Rabbits	Jan. 1-Mar. 1	Game Zone bag limits		
Raccoons	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (night only)	3 per party per night		
Fox	Nov. 23-Mar. 1 (Nights only)	Game Zone bag limits		



Game Zone 5 WMAs only

Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Clarendon, Williamsburg, Georgetown & Horry counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766; 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown, SC 843-546-9489.	Law Enforcement Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766 1000 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 803-734-4303
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Deer - Other WMAs	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.	
• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.	
• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 (see page 68 for WMAs)
Deer Archery: Other WMAs	Sept. 1- Jan. 1 buck only Except on either-sex days
Deer Gun Hunts: Other WMAs	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex 5 deer total 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Small Game-other WMAs		
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-3 (afternoons only) Sept. 4-Oct. 6, Nov. 17-24, Dec. 21-Jan. 15	15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 19, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs	12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs	10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 29 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22, 2012-Mar. 1, 2013 guns & dogs	5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum: Dogs at night only	Sept. 1-Sept. 13 running season-dogs, no guns Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs Opossum no limit.	Limit 3 3 per party per night
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 21 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 22-Mar. 1 guns & dogs	No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 22-Mar. 1	No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Named WMAs		
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington County		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA. For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk. Gates may be locked in wet weather. No buckshot. Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs. Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use. 		
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-13 either-sex	1 deer per day, hogs no limit
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 22-27 either-sex	1 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 5-10 buck only	1 buck per day (Hogs no limit.)
Special Still Gun Hog Hunt	Feb. 4-23 Hogs only Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.	No limit
Small Game		
Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only	Nov. 12-Jan. 26 No fox squirrel hunting. *Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.	Game Zone 5 limits
Racoons	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (Nights only)	3 per party per night
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual antlerless deer tags valid on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15. No buckshot or dogs allowed. 		
Archery	Sept. 1-14. buck only	2 deer per day
Archery & Gun Hunts	Sept. 15-Nov. 21 either-sex	2 deer per day
Small Game	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 5 limits
Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter County		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA. Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43. No buckshot allowed during gun hunts. No man-drives during either-sex hunts. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use. No deer hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence. Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts. All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters. Self Deer Check at Battens, Tuomey Kiosk and Manchester SF Headquarters. Some gates may be locked due to wet roads. 		
Deer Archery	Sept. 17-22 either-sex	1 deer per day
Archery & Muzzleloader	Sept. 24-29 buck only Sept. 28 only either-sex	1 buck per day 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-6, 8-13, 16-19, 23-26, 30- Nov. 3, 6-9, 13-16, 19-24, 26-30, Dec. 4-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-29, 31-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 4-6, 11-13, 26 Nov. 2-3, 8-9, 15-16, 22, Dec. 14, 21, 29, 31-Jan. 1 either-sex	1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hunters except dove, duck and turkey hunters are required to wear international orange coat, vest, or hat. Gates may be locked due to wet road conditions. 	
Dove	Sat. afternoons only during 1st season in designated fields only. Any day during 2nd and 3rd seasons on general forest and designated fields. See Public Dove Field Regulations available in August.	
Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland & Tuomey Tracts)		
	Nov. 22-Mar. 1	12 per day
Quail: Bland & Tuomey Tracts	Dec. 3, 15, Jan. 2, 19, 26, Feb. 6	12 per day Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points.
Squirrel	Nov. 22-Mar. 1	10 per day No squirrel hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.
Rabbit	Nov. 22-Mar. 1	5 per day No rabbit hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.
Raccoon: Night only	Nov. 22-Mar. 9	3 per party per night
Fox: Night only	Nov. 22-Mar. 9	No limit during gun season
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County		
Small game only - no deer hunting		
Small Game		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private land seasons and limits apply to this area except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. • No fox squirrel hunting. 		
Hickory Top WMA Clarendon County		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Hickory Top WMA. Hogs no limit. Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA. Hickory Top Greentree Res. is closed to public access from Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. WMA permit required. 		
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex	2 bucks per day 2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader (No Dogs)	Nov. 5-Jan. 1 either-sex	2 deer per day
Hog Still Gun Hunt (No Dogs)	Mar. 2-16 Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.	No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Hickory Top WMA Clarendon County (continued)	
Hog Hunts with Dogs	<p>Mar. 18-30 No limit • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs • No live hogs removed from WMA</p>
Small Game	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit will be allowed on all land and water below 76.8' following current regulations governing waterfowl hunting on Lake Marion. Waterfowl hunting at or above 76.8' elevation requires a WMA permit. Waterfowl hunters crossing WMA lands to hunt areas below 76.8' lake elevation must have their guns unloaded and cased. Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1; quail 8 per day. • No open season on fox squirrels. • Hogs and coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.
Oak Lea WMA Clarendon County	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total from Oak Lea WMA. Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Oak Lea WMA. Hogs may be taken during any open season. No limit.
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-22 either-sex 2 deer per day
Archery & Muzzleloader	Sept. 24-30 either-sex 2 deer per day
Deer *Still Gun Hunts	Party hunts 3 deer per day, 1 buck/day Hunters selected by drawing 20 per hunt *Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.). Parties may hunt for 4 days (Wed.-Sat.). Hunt periods will be approximately weekly (Oct. 1-Jan. 1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing 803-494-8196.
Small Game	Small game (except quail) Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 except no small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts.
Quail Hunts	Dec. 3, 15, Jan. 2, 19, 26, Feb. 6 12 per day Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in Aug..
Santee Dam WMA Clarendon County	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter access by watercraft only from Borrow Pitt Landing (Clarendon Co.) or Wilson's Landing (Berkeley Co.) except during scheduled dove hunts (see Migratory Bird Regulations)
Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Santee Dam WMA.	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
Still Hog Hunts (No Dogs) Archery & Muzzleloader	Jan. 2. - Mar. 1 No limit
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 2-16 (Daylight hours only) No limit • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs • No live hogs removed from WMA
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Small Game	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 - Private land limits apply. No fox squirrels.
Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown counties	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Wee Tee WMA. No hunting from vehicles or from or on roads open to vehicle traffic.
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 6 either-sex (Hogs no limit) 2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader & Archery	Oct. 8-20 either-sex 2 deer per day Hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 22-Jan. 1 buck only 1 deer per day, hogs no limit Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 1 either-sex
Special Hog Still Gun Hunt	Mar. 1-16 (Mon.-Sat.) No Limit May 2-June 29, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat. only) Aug. 8-31, 2013 (Thur.-Sat.)

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown counties (continued)	
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 7-26 (M-Sat.), July 4-27, 2013 (Th-Sat. only) No Limit • Handguns only. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA
Small Game	Jan. 2-Feb. 23 Game Zone limits • Gray squirrels only. • No open season for fox hunting. • No fox squirrel hunting.
Raccoon	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 Nights Only 3 per party per night
Santee Delta WMA Georgetown County	
Deer Archery (No dogs)	Oct. 6-27 either-sex 2 deer per day, hogs no limit
Special Hog Hunts Archery	Mar. 2-30, 2013 No limit • No live hogs to be removed from WMA.
Hog Hunts with Dogs	April. 1-6, 2013 No limit Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party
Samworth WMA Georgetown County	
Archery (Impoundments only)	Oct. 6-27 either-sex 2 deer per day Hogs no limit. No dogs.
Special Hog Hunts Archery	Mar. 2-30, 2013 No limit Impoundments only. • No live hogs to be removed from WMA
Hog Hunts with Dogs	April. 1-6, 2013 No limit • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA.
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve (HP) River Complex Horry & Marion counties - Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunters Island and Huggins tracts in Horry County which are part of Dargan HP.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex. No buckshot or dogs allowed. Wild hogs may be taken during any scheduled hunt.
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-29 buck only 1 buck per day Oct. 1-20, Dec. 17-Jan. 1 either-sex 1 deer per day
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 22-27 buck only 1 buck per day Nov. 5-10 either-sex 1 deer per day
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 12-24 buck only 1 buck per day
Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 1-20, 2013 No limit hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 21-29, 2013 No limit • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA.
Small Game	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits • No Fox squirrel hunting.
Raccoon	Sept. 15 - Mar. 1 3 per party per night
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA. Deer hunters must sign in and out daily and record harvest at the kiosk. No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic. Horseback riding is prohibited during all hunts. No buckshot or dogs allowed.
Deer Archery	Sept. 17-22, Oct. 1-20 either-sex 1 deer per day
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 22-Oct. 27, Nov. 12-17 either-sex 1 deer per day
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 23-30, Dec. 17-31 buck only 1 buck per day
Small Game	Jan. 1-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits * No fox squirrel hunting

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County		
• Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.		
• No buckshot or dogs allowed. No limit on hogs.		
Deer Archery	Oct. 8-20 either-sex	1 deer per day
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 22-27, Nov. 5-10 either-sex	1 deer per day
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 12-24 buck only	1 buck per day
Small Game		
Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only: No Fox Squirrel Hunting	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 * Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.	Game Zone 4 limits
Raccoons	Dec. 5-Feb. 27 (Wed. nights only)	3 per party per night

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County (continued)		
Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 1-20 hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot	No limit
Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 21-29, 2013 sidearms only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs.	No limit
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County		
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA.		
• Hogs no limit. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 6 buck only Oct. 8-Nov. 3 either-sex	1 deer per day 1 deer per day
Small Game	Nov. 5-Mar. 1 * No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 4 limits



Game Zone 6 WMAs only

Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper & Orangeburg counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 40-42, 47-49.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau, SC 843-825-3387; 585 Donnelley Dr., Highway 17, Green Pond, SC 843-844-8957; Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett SC 803-625-3569;	P. O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; Francis Marion Hunt Unit 843-825-3387; Dungannon HP WMA 843-546-3226. Law Enforcement Offices: 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston SC 843-953-9307
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Named WMAs		
Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.		
Youth Still Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 5 (see page 68 for WMAs)	2 deer/either-sex, no tags required
Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston counties		
Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts.		
• During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. • No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts.		
• Shotguns and buckshot only during dog drive hunts.		
• On either-sex deer hunts with dogs, all deer must be checked in by 1 hour after legal sunset.		
• On all still gun and muzzleloader either-sex hunts for all Units, all does must be tagged with an individual antlerless deer tag except when harvested on county-wide either-sex days. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec. 15, 22, 29 Jan. 1		
• No more than 4 deer total may be taken during gun and muzzleloader hunts.		
• No still gun or archery hunting during deer dog drive hunts.		
• On youth deer hunts, only youths 17 and younger may carry a gun and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older.		
• Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.		
Hellhole WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15 - Oct. 31 either-sex	2 deer per day Hogs no limit.
Deer Still Gun Hunts	Nov. 1-Jan. 1 either-sex	2 deer per day, Hogs no limit. No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Dec. 1 buck only Nov. 3 buck only • No still hunting and no rifles.	2 deer total
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Nov. 17 either-sex	
Northampton WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 29, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 23, Dec. 28 buck only Dec. 8 either-sex.	2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either-sex days, Hogs no limit. All deer must be checked at P&C Grocery, Awendaw Check Station, Honey Hill Lookout Tower, Kangaroo in Jamestown, or M&B Alvin Com. Mart on Dec. 8 only.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Northampton WMA Francis Marion National Forest (continued)		
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Jan. 5 either-sex	
Archery Hunts	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-30 either-sex	2 deer per day, hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1- Jan. 1 either-sex	2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
Santee WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Dec. 8 either-sex	2 deer per day/2 deer per day on either-sex days, hogs no limit
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Sept. 14-15, Oct. 24-25, Dec. 7 buck only All deer must be checked at Alvin One Stop, P&C Grocery, Awendaw Check Station, Honey Hill Lookout Tower, or Kangaroo in Jamestown on Dec. 8.	
Archery Hunts	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-30 either-sex	2 deer per day, hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1- Jan. 1 either-sex	2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
Wambaw WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Seewee Special Use Area (No Dogs) Archery Only	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	2 bucks per day, 2 deer per day on either sex days
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 28, Oct. 13, Nov. 14-15, Dec. 26-27 buck only Dec. 8 either-sex	2 bucks per day; hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on either-sex days
Youth Only Dog Hunt	• Still gun hunts only east of Highway 17. Rifles allowed. • All deer must be checked at Awendaw check station, P&C Grocery, Kangaroo in Jamestown, Alvin One Stop or Honey Hill Lookout Tower only on Dec. 8	
	Oct. 27 either-sex	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Wambaw WMA Francis Marion National Forest (continued)	
Archery Hunts	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 either-sex
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1- Jan. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
Waterhorn WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Deer Archery Only	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-30 either-sex
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Oct. 22-Nov. 3 either-sex 2 deer per day Hogs no limit.
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 5-6, Oct. 12-13, Nov. 9-10, Nov. 23-24 buck only Dec. 3-8, Dec. 26-31 either-sex 2 deer per day; Hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on either-sex days
Hog Hunts with dogs: Francis Marion Hunt Unit	
Waterhorn	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2, 2013 No limit
Wambaw	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2, 2013 No limit
Northhampton	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2, 2013
Santee	Feb. 8-9, 22-23, 2013
Hellhole	Feb. 8-9, 22-23, 2013
• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted. Hog hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and are required to wear international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. • Hunts are from legal sunrise to legal sunset.	
Francis Marion Forest Still Hog Hunts (no dogs)	Mar. 4-20 Hogs only No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only (No Buckshot).
Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit	
• Game Zone 6 private land seasons except quail limit 8 per day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. • Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only. • Closed during scheduled deer hunting periods on Waterhorn and when dogs are used for deer on Wambaw, Northhampton, Hellhole and Santee WMAs. • No fox or coyote hunting with dogs on the Francis Marion NF.	
Bear Island WMA Colleton County	
• All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island check station • Hunting in designated areas only. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. • Campground closes Nov. 2	
Archery	Oct. 5-13 either-sex 3 deer total, hogs no limit
Gun Hunts (Rifles only)	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Hog Hunt with dogs	Mar. 7-9, 2013 Handguns only No limit • Hog hunters required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange while hunting. Hogs may not be taken from Bear Island alive and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. • No more than 4 dogs per party. • Gate opens at 5 am.
Small Game	• Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island ck station. • Hunting in designated areas only.
Quail	Feb. 5 - 26 (Tuesdays only) 12 per day
Raccoon & Opossum	Feb. 6 - Mar. 15 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Fri. nights only)
Other Small Game	Feb. 6 - Feb. 27 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only)
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Donnelley WMA Colleton County	
• Hunters must sign in and out at the check station. • Hunting in designated areas only. • Gates will open at 4:00 AM for deer hunts. • Open for archery scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 31, Nov. 30. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread.	
Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Donnelley WMA Colleton County (continued)	
• Hogs can be taken during any scheduled hunt. • Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • Hogs may not be taken alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-5, Nov. 1-3, 5 Dec. 1, 3-5 either-sex 4 deer per season. No more than 2 bucks.
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 7-9, 2013 with dogs No limit Gate open at 5:00 am
Small Game	• Hunters must sign in and out at the check station. • Hunting in designated areas only. • Gates will open at 6:00 am.
Dove	Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Raccoon & Opossum	Dec. 7 - Mar. 15 (Tu. & Fri. nights only) Opossum no limit.
Other Small Game	Dec. 8 - Feb. 27 (Wed. & Sat. only) Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken at Donnelley WMA.
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Hatchery WMA Berkeley County	
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-Nov. 10 either-sex Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.
Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County	
• Adult/Youth side open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. Includes all big game and small game hunts. Hunted areas are closed to general public access during scheduled deer, turkey and waterfowl hunts. • All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering and leaving any hunt on Bonneau Ferry WMA. • All deer must be checked at the main entrance. • Hunting access by boat is prohibited. • Hogs no limit, may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. • No fox or bobcat hunting with dogs. • Hunters may not enter WMA before 5:00 am. • Limit 2 deer/day: total 8 deer for all hunts. No more than 2 antlered deer.	
Deer Archery (Area B)	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-20, Nov. 12-30 either-sex
Deer Still Gun Hunts (Area B)	No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing (Sept. 27-29- Oct. 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 Nov. 1-3, 8-10).
Deer Still Gun Hunts: Adult/Youth Only (Area A)	Sept. 15-Dec. 29 (Wed., Fri., Sat. only) and Nov. 19-24, Dec. 20-Jan. 1 either-sex
Small Game	• Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shots. • No fox squirrel or fox hunting.
Quail (Area B)	Feb. 2, 16 Limit 8 quail per day
Quail (Area A)	Feb. 2, 16 Adult/youth only Limit 8 quail per day
Other Small Game	
Area A (Adult/Youth) and Area B	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits
Raccoons & Opossum	
Area A (Adult/Youth) and Area B	Jan. 5-Feb. 26 Tue. & Sat. nights only Game Zone 6 limits

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Santee Coastal WMA Charleston County	
• Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 13-Nov.24 either-sex 2 deer per day. Hogs no limit. • Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA. • Hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested deer. • No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Dec. 6-8 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 15 & 22. No limit, hand guns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. Hogs may not be taken from Santee Coastal Reserve alive. Hog hunters must wear international orange.
Small Game	Dec. 12-Feb. 27 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only) except quail limit 8/day Fox squirrels may not be hunted.
Raccoons & Opossums	Dec. 11-Mar. 1 Regular Game Zone 6 limits (Tues. & Fri. nights only)
Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston County	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Oct. 15-Dec. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day total Hogs No limit . 8 deer per season
Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County	
• No open season on fox squirrels	
• Quail 8 per day	
• Hogs may be hunted during any scheduled hunt. No limit	
• No hunting or shooting within 50 feet of the center of any road during gun hunts for deer except for SCDNR draw youth hunts.	
• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.	
North Dike WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot/No Dogs)	Aug. 17-Sept. 29 buck only 2 deer per day Oct. 1-27 either-sex Individual antlerless tags are valid on days not designated as either-sex on or after Sept. 15.
Small Game	
• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 except quail 8 per day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.	
• Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 1-Mar. 1.	
Hall WMA except Cross Station Special Use Area Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day
Small Game	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 shotguns only
Greenfield WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)	Nov. 1-Jan. 1 buck only 2 per day Nov. 1-3, Dec. 24-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 per day
Small Game	Sept. 1 - Mar. 1.
Bluefield WMA: Adult/Youth area only Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)	Aug. 15-Sept. 12 buck only (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Sept. 15-Dec. 29 either-sex (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults may also carry a firearm and hunt.
Small Game	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.
Porcher WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day
Small Game	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Shotguns only
Cross Station Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Designated youth draw deer hunts only.	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg County	
Quality Deer Management Area - bucks must have minimum 4 points on one side, or a minimum 12 inch antler spread, or be spikes with 2 points (see Regulation 4.1). Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts. Data cards required for hunter access including by boat. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Santee Cooper WMA. Total 8 deer per season for all hunts combined. No more than 2 bucks.	
• Hunters limited to 2 deer/tree stands which must contain label with hunter's name and address.	
• No deer stand can be placed on WMA prior to Sept. 15	
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-6 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
Deer Muzzle- loader and Archery	Oct. 8-13, Nov. 5-10, Dec. 10-15 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Small Game other than Dove	Dec. 17-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits Quail 8/day
Raccoon	Dec. 21-Mar. 1 Fri. & Sat. Nights Only
Edisto River WMA Dorchester County	
Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
Archery	Sept. 15-29 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Muzzleloader	Oct. 1-13 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 15- Jan. 1 buck only 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit. Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30 either-sex 1 deer/day
Small Game	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Game zone 6 bag limits except quail - 8 per day.
Canal WMA Berkeley County	
Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Quail Only	Nov. 21, 24, Dec. 5, 8, 19, 22, Jan. 2, 5, 16, 19, 30 Feb. 2, 13, 16, 27 8 per day Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.
Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties	
• All deer must be checked at check station.	
• No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic.	
• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.	
• Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.	
• No hog hunting during small game hunts.	
• Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive.	
• Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only.	
• Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts.	
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.	
• Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Palachucola WMA.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 26-Oct. 13, Dec.20-22 either-sex 3 deer total
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Hunt Drawings on page 43.
Still Hog Hunts (No Dogs)	Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar. 2 No limit May 9-11, 16-18, 2013 archery & firearms Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only. No stalking or mandrives.
Hog Hunts with Dogs (Handguns only)	Sept. 13-15 No limit Mar. 7-9, 14-16 • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties (continued)	
Quail	Jan. 9, 12, 23, 26 Feb. 2, 6, 16, 20 • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
Other Small Game	Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting on Sept. 26-Oct. 13, 18-20, 25-27, Nov. 8-10, 15-17, Dec. 6-8, 20-22 • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.
St. Helena Sound HP WMA Beaufort and Colleton counties	
Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at McKenzie Field Station, Bennetts Point, 843-844-8822. Camping Otter Island Only.	
Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Islands	
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 either-sex 3 deer total Hogs no limit.
Otter Island	
Deer Archery	Nov. 1-30 either-sex 2 deer total Hogs no limit.
Raccoon	Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 Nights Only
Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper County	
• All deer must be checked at check station. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 26-Nov. 10 either-sex 2 deer total
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Dec. 17-20 buck only Dec. 14-15, 21-22 either-sex
Small Game	• No hog hunting during small game hunts. • Private land seasons and limits apply except , no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.
Turtle Island WMA Jasper County	
• Waterfowl hunting is open on Wed. & Sat. during the waterfowl season. • Marsh hen hunting is open during the marsh hen season. • Other small game hunting is closed.	
Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort County	
All deer must be checked at check station.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27, Nov. 2-10, Nov. 30-Dec. 8 either-sex 3 deer total per hunt period
Small Game	• Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2) • Private land, small game seasons and limits apply except , no hunting before Oct. 15 or after Feb. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.
James W. Webb WMA Hampton County	
• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only • Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Webb WMA.	
Deer Hunts	Still hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Still Hog Hunts (No Dogs)	Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar. 2, May 9-11, 16-18 No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only. No stalking or mandrives.
Hog Hunts (With dogs)	Sept. 13-15, Mar. 7-9, 14-16 No limit handguns only
Dove	Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits published in Public Dove Field list available in Aug..
Quail	Jan. 9, 12, 23, 26, Feb. 2, 6, 16, 20 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
James W. Webb WMA Hampton County (continued)	
Other Small Game	• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. & Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues. & Sat. mornings from Sept. 14-Dec. 31. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.
Hamilton Ridge WMA Hampton County	
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting. • Hogs may not be taken from Hamilton Ridge alive. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method. • Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts. • Scouting and stand placement allowed 1 day prior to hunts. • Data card required for hunter access • Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Hamilton Ridge WMA. • No ATVs allowed on area. • Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange while hunting. • Hunters may camp at designated camp ground one day prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts. • No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.	
Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Deer Archery	Sept. 17-22, Oct. 22-27, Nov. 5-10, 12-17, Dec. 13-15 either-sex 2 deer per hunt period only 1 of which can be a buck
Hog Hunts (with Dogs)	Sept. 13-15, Mar. 7-9, 14-16 Handguns only No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
Still Hog Hunts	Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar. 2, May 9-11, 16-18 No limit • Archery and Firearms. No dogs. No buckshot. • Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only. • No hog hunting during small game hunts. • No stalking or mandrives.
Quail	Jan. 9, 12, 23, 26, Feb. 2, 6, 16, 20 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
Other Small Game	• Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Dec. 26 or after Mar. 1. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Hamilton Ridge WMA.
Old Island HP WMA Beaufort County	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either sex 2 deer total, 1 deer per day
Botany Bay Plantation HP WMA Charleston County	
• All hunters, fishermen and visitors must obtain a day use pass, fill out the requested information and follow all instructions on the pass. • Hunting access by boat is prohibited. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • No buckshot.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 17-Oct. 6, Nov. 19-24, Dec. 24-29 Total 3 deer, either-sex, but only 1 buck
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 43.
Small Game	Jan. 2-Feb. 27 (Wed. and Sat. only) No fox squirrels Game Zone 6 bag limits except quail 8 per day
Racoons and Opossum	Jan. 2-Mar. 15 (Wed., Thur. and Fri. only) Game Zone 6 bag limits

Hog Hunting Seasons for WMAs and Heritage Preserves

Feral hog hunting on WMAs is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted (see specific WMAs). A hunting license and a VMIA permit are required and hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs may not be hunted at night. On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season on each WMA. On Special Hog Still Gun Hunts, weapons may include archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only except as specified for certain WMAs. For Special Hog Hunts with Dogs, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party, no still or stalk hunting and only handguns permitted except as specified for certain WMAs.

Swine brucellosis is caused by a bacteria and is primarily a reproductive tract disease in wild pigs that can be transmitted to humans. Infections are manifested by flu-like symptoms including fever, headaches, muscle and joint soreness and weakness. The fatality rate in humans is very low, but the disease often is prolonged and debilitating. Humans have contracted swine brucellosis from handling and dressing wild swine. This disease is present in many wild hog populations in SC. Persons dressing wild swine should take the following precautions: 1) use disposable rubber gloves and protective eyeglasses while dressing the carcass, 2) minimize handling of the reproductive tracts of both sexes, 3) dispose of waste parts by burying or burning, 4) clean up with hot water and soap after processing, and 5) cook meat thoroughly to 160 degrees F prior to eating.

Game Zn	Area	County	Still Hunting	Special Hunts with Dogs
1	WMAs ~ Greenville, Oconee, Pickens (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens North of Game Zone 2 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Jan. 2-Mar.1
2	WMAs ~ Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, York, (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens south of Game Zone 1 line) except Keowee & Fauns Grove WMAs		During open season for game (Game Zn 2 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Feb. 1-Feb.15
3	Crackerneck	Aiken	During deer hunts	Jan. 4 - Feb. 22 (Fridays only)
4	Marsh	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-16 (M-Sat.), May 2-June 29, Aug. 8-31, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 7-26 (M-Sat.) July 4-27, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Pee Dee Station	Florence	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-16	
4	Woodbury	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-16 (M-Sat.), May 2-June 29, Aug. 8-31, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 7-26 (M-Sat.) July 4-27, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)
5	Cartwheel Bay HP	Horry	During deer hunts (archery only)	
5	Waccamaw River	Horry	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 21-29
5	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 21-29
5	Manchester SF	Sumter	During deer hunts	
5	Samworth	Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 2-30 Archery Only	April 1-6
5	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	During deer hunts and Feb. 4-23	
5	Santee Dam	Clarendon	Archery Sept. 1-Mar. 1 Muzzleloader Sept. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 2-16
5	Santee-Delta	Georgetown	During deer hunts Mar. 2-30 Archery Only	April 1-6
5	Wee Tee	Williamsburg, Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-16 (M-Sat.), May 2-June 29, Aug. 8-31, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 7-26 (M-Sat.) July 4-27, 2013 (Thurs. - Sat.)
5	Hickory Top	Clarendon	During deer hunts and Mar. 2-16	Mar. 18-30
6	Bear Island	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts.	Mar. 7-9
6	Bonneau Ferry	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Donnelly	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Edisto River	Dorchester	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Francis Marion Nat. Forest			
	Heilhole	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 4-20	Feb. 8-9, 22-23
	Waterton	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 4-20	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2
	Wambaw	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 4-20	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2
	Northampton	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 4-20	Feb. 1-2, 15-16, Mar. 1-2
	Santee	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 4-20	Feb. 8-9, 22-23
6	Santee Coastal	Charleston, Georgetown	During any scheduled hunts	Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 15, 22
6	Webb	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar.2, May 9-11, 16-18	Sept. 13-15, Mar. 7-9, 14-16
6	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar.2, May 9-11, 16-18	Sept. 13-15, Mar. 7-9, 14-16
6	Palachicola	Jasper	During deer hunts and Sept. 6-8, Feb. 28-Mar.2, May 9-11, 16-18	Sept. 13-15, Mar. 7-9, 14-16
6	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	
6	Dungannon	Charleston	During deer hunts (archery only)	

Special SCDNR Hunts for Youth and the Mobility Impaired

Age 17 & younger

Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	Mar. 30, 2013	Private Lands Statewide; Turkey tags required. All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	
Raccoon	Sept. 8, 2012	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel	Sept. 29, 2012	Private Lands Only	
Quail	Nov. 17, 2012	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit	Mar. 2, 2013	Private Lands Only	
Deer	Jan. 5, 2013 Limit 2 deer, either sex; no tags required	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fan's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery, Webb, Bonneau Ferry, Hamilton Ridge and Botany Bay Plantation.	
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Abbeville Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Union Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Newberry Co. SCDOT	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Draper WMA York Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Manchester State Forest	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Oconee Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 1	Anderson Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 10. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Saturday during season	Botany Bay Plantation WMA	Region 4 SCDNR 843-844-8957, 843-869-2713
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 3	Poinsett Gunnery Range Sumter Co.	Applications available in Sept.. Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 20	Laura Lyn Farm Union Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 10	10 Point Hunt Club Spartanburg Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 6	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Belfast WMA	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388 or 843-761-8820.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected Days	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early Sept.. Call U.S. Forest Service at 843-336-3248.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 15	Clinton House Plantation, Laurens Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 10	Yelton Farm Spartanburg Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 20	Chufa Ridge Farm Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 20	Johnson Farm Laurens Co Brownlee Farms Laurens Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 10	Horseshoe Falls Spartanburg Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 17	Broken Arrow Hunt Club Cherokee Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 15	Trophy Buck Club Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Dec.	Congaree Bluffs HP	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Manchester State Forest	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.

Special SCDNR Hunts For Youth and the Mobility Impaired continued

Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game	See page 65	Bluefield WMA	Bluefield WMA is open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Adult may hunt also. See page 65 for restrictions, dates and limits. For more information, call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388.
Ad/youth deer, sm gm	See page 64	Bonneau Ferry Area A	See page 64 for restrictions, dates. For information, call Dennis Wildlife Center 843-825-3388.
Youth Only raccoon	Oct.	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Union Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2013	Orangeburg Co.	For applications call Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898. Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2013	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship	Feb. or Mar. 2013	Webb WMA	Participants are selected by regional Qualifying hunts. For more information, call the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609 or Webb WMA at 803-625-3569.
Draw adult/youth turkey	Saturdays in Apr.	Santee Cooper, Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	WMA Turkey applications available in late Feb.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3886. Applications due in Mar..
Draw Adult/Youth Waterfowl	Sat. during season.	Donnelley & Bonneau Ferry WMAs	Applications available in Oct.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3609.

Mobility Impaired Hunts	Date	Location	Sponsor/Contact Info.
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Most WMAs are located in remote areas without developed access. For questions concerning access conditions for specific properties and assistance contact SCDNR regional offices page 6.

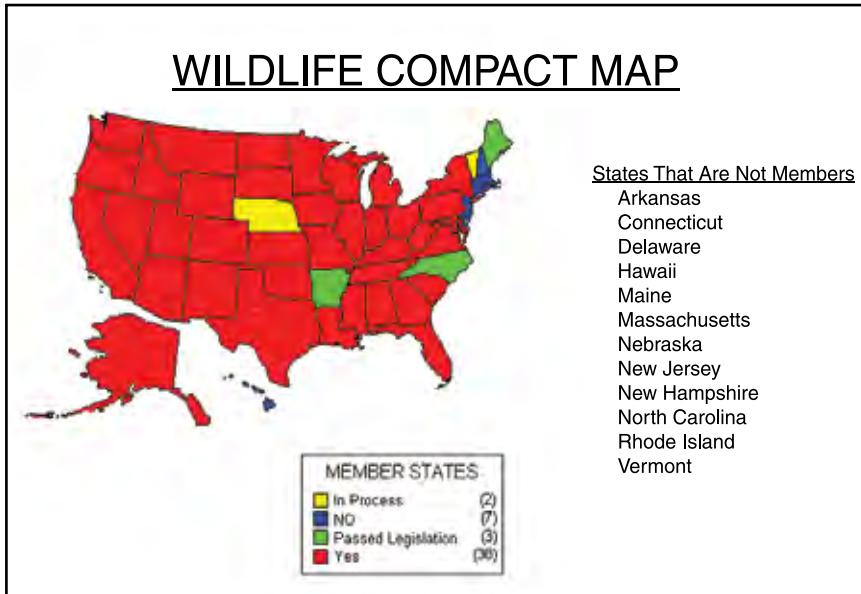
Deer	Selected dates	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-336-3248.
Deer	Oct. 26-27 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Cherokee, Spartanburg & Union counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Deer	Nov. 2-3 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Turkey	Apr.	Tibwin	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-336-3248.

Note: Eligibility requirements for mobility impaired deer hunts at these locations are as follows: Persons permanently confined to a wheelchair, persons permanently requiring the use of mechanical aids (crutches, walkers, and etc.) to walk or persons with complete single or double leg amputations.

Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources formally entered into the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact (IWVC) with 38 other member states on July 1, 2012. As a compact member South Carolina has agreed to treat non-residents from member states as if they were residents for purposes of hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife violations. However, the compact does not cover boating violations. If a non-resident from a member state violates a wildlife law in South Carolina, DNR officers can now serve a courtesy summons under the terms of the compact rather than arresting the individual, or requesting a cash bond. Likewise, South Carolina residents will be treated the same way in other member states. Residents from member states are granted a courtesy summons based on the understanding that they will comply with the terms of the summons. If a resident from a member state fails to comply with the terms of a courtesy summons issued by

another member state they will be suspended by their home state and that suspension will be recognized by all other member states.



As a member of the IWVC, South Carolina will share non-resident violation information with other member states. This means that illegal activities in one member state can affect the privileges of the individual in all member states. South Carolina will now recognize the suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges from other member states. A person who is under hunting, fishing, or trapping suspension in South Carolina will be prohibited from obtaining licenses in

other member states, and South Carolina will deny licenses to non-resident individuals from member states who have had hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges suspended by that state. South Carolina will recognize the suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges of member states as if the suspension had occurred in South Carolina.

Point & Suspension Systems for Natural Resource Violations

www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/points

South Carolina law has established suspension systems based upon the accumulation of points assessed for convictions of natural resource laws.

The Game and Fish Point System applies to violations inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line and if suspended under this system, a person cannot hunt, fish, gather, trap, land, or pursue game, fish, crustaceans, or shellfish in the State (including coastal waters out to the three mile limit).

The Saltwater Point System applies to violations within the coastal waters of the State, seaward of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line. The point categories for assessments are recreational and commercial. Points are assessed according to the appropriate category. Upon accumulation of 18 or more points in the recreational or commercial categories, a person's privileges to fish, gather, land, attempt to take, or possess fish, shellfish, or crustaceans within the coastal waters for the purposes of the affected category will be suspended. Suspensions under the Saltwater Point System do not affect inland freshwater fishing privileges except for shad, herring, and sturgeon which are regulated by coastal laws inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line.

Table A: Game and Fish Points

#	Violation	Pt.
1.	Resisting arrest by force, violence, or weapons against the person of any law enforcement officer enforcing natural resource laws	18
2.	Attempting escape after arrest	14
3.	Hunting or fishing in a state sanctuary	14
4.	Hunting, fishing, or trapping out of season	10
5.	Unlawful selling of game or game fish	14
6.	Using a borrowed or altered hunting or fishing license, permit, stamp, or tag	10
7.	Taking more than the legal limit of game or fish (except striped bass)	8
8.	Hunting or fishing without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag	6
9.	Trespassing to hunt, fish, or trap	10
10.	Violating Wildlife Management Area regulations	8
11.	Unlawful hunting, taking, possessing, or selling alligators	14
12.	Killing or attempting to kill or molest deer from a motorboat	14
13.	Night hunting deer or bear	18
14.	Unlawful transportation of furs or hides and possession of untagged hides	10
15.	Trapping quail or turkeys	10
16.	Unlawful hunting over bait	8
17.	Unlawful killing or possession of antlerless deer	14
18.	Unlawful night hunting other game, except deer or bear, or hunting during prohibited or after hours	8
19.	Unlawful possession of buckshot	5
20.	Hunting migratory birds with an unplugged gun	4
21.	Killing or possession of wild turkey during the closed season	18
22.	Killing or possession of a hen turkey during the spring gobbler season	14
23.	Roost shooting turkey between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise	18
24.	Shooting (game taken) turkey over bait	18
25.	Hunting turkey over bait (no game taken)	10
26.	Trespassing to hunt waterfowl	18
27.	Hunting waterfowl over bait	10

Each time a person is convicted of a violation listed in the point systems, the Department must assess the points against the person's record. Half of the points on record are reduced for each full year in which the person receives no points. The Department of Natural Resources must suspend the privileges of any person who has accumulated eighteen (18) or more points.

In addition to these point suspensions, South Carolina law also contains mandatory suspensions for convictions of specific violations of the law. These suspensions are called "Statutory Suspensions." See Table C for some specific examples of statutory suspensions.

Note:

- *A violation of natural resources law while under suspension may result in additional suspensions of one year to five years.*
- *The purchase or procurement of a license, permit, stamp, or tag allowing suspended privileges while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.*
- *Failure to pay fines and/or restitutions may result in suspension of privileges.*

28.	Shooting (game taken) waterfowl over bait	10
29.	Hunting waterfowl out of season	15
30.	Taking or possession of more than one waterfowl over the legal limit	15
31.	Unlawful possession, taking, or attempting to take raccoons during the season for hunting without firearms	14
32.	Trapping, netting, or seining game fish unlawfully	10
33.	Taking game or fish in any illegal manner not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the point systems	8
34.	Taking or possessing an undersized striped bass	14
35.	Taking or possessing more than the legal limit of striped bass	14

NOTE: Some examples of Item 33 are:

- a. Taking game while in possession of lead shot while hunting for waterfowl.*
- b. Taking fish with too many devices.*
- c. Killing birds of prey (Hawks, Kites, Vultures, Kestrels, Owls, or Falcons).*
- d. Killing/possession of nongame birds.*
- e. Taking fish while violating specific freshwater nongame fishing laws such as illegal bait on trotlines or set hooks.*
- f. Taking game while jump shooting waterfowl or rails.*
- g. Taking game while violating specific trapping laws such as unlawful traps.*

Other less common examples are, but are not limited to, taking game while unlawfully hunting with an electronic call, or killing a turkey with a rifle. The application of item 33 is very broad and examples are given for clarification.

Item 33 applies to unlawfully taking game or fish in a way that is not specifically addressed by the Game and Fish Point System.

Table B: Saltwater Points

1.	Failing to keep records or make reports as required by law, permit or regulation	4
2.	Violations of law pertaining to crab size limit or sponge crabs	4
3.	Violations of a section of Title 50 pertaining to saltwater fisheries not mentioned specifically in this section <i>(NOTE: This point assessment applies to all other convictions that are not specifically mentioned herein. Any conviction for a violation of a saltwater fisheries law will be assessed a minimum of 6 points).</i>	6

4.	Taking, attempting to take, or possessing fish, shellfish or crustaceans in an unlawful manner, in unlawful or closed areas, during unlawful hours, or during the closed season except trawling violations	8
5.	Selling or offering for sale fish, shellfish, crustaceans, or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag	8
6.	Unlawfully buying fish, shellfish, crustaceans or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp or tag	8
7.	Trawling inside the General Trawling Zone other than in restricted areas: (a) more than one quarter nautical mile during the closed season (b) more than one quarter nautical mile at a time more than ten minutes before daily opening or ten minutes after daily closing times during the open season	10
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8.	Trawling in a restricted area during the closed season	10
9.	Trawling outside the General Trawling Zone: (a) one hundred yards or less distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season (b) more than one hundred yards distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season (c) during the closed season	10
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		18
10.	Taking or attempting to take fish, shellfish or crustaceans for a commercial purpose without a proper license, permit, stamp or tag	10
11.	Captain or crew of a boat failing to cooperate with an enforcement officer	18
12.	Channel netting in an area closed to channel netting or during closed season for channel netting	18
13.	Applying for or obtaining any resident license as provided in this chapter using a falsified application or supporting documentation, or simultaneously possessing any current, valid South Carolina resident license as provided in this chapter while possessing any resident license from another state	18

Note:

It is unlawful for a person whose commercial privileges are suspended under this chapter to be on board any vessel while the vessel is being utilized to take or attempt to take saltwater fish for commercial purposes.

Point System Suspension Appeals

A person who has been notified of a suspension may appeal the suspension pursuant to the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. The appeal of the suspension is not an appeal of the person's conviction. The Administrative Law Court does not have jurisdiction to review the conviction, only the suspension. Appeals must be filed and served within 30 days of the date of suspension notice. You must file the appeal with the Clerk of Court of the Administrative Law Court. South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Edgar A. Brown Building, 1205 Pendleton St., Suite 224, Columbia, SC 29201 Voice: 803-734-0550, Fax: 803-734-6400.

If an individual appeals a suspension the SCDNR will temporarily end the suspension. The result is that an individual will retain the privileges that were initially suspended during the period of appeal. The period of appeal begins when the SCDNR receives notification from the Administrative Law Court that the case has been scheduled for a hearing. The SCDNR will notify the individual in writing when the period of appeal begins. Until that notice is received the suspension remains in effect. A withdrawal of the appeal by the individual, or a finding in favor of the SCDNR by the Administrative Law Court will result in the individual having to serve the remainder of the suspension. A finding in favor of the individual, or a finding by the SCDNR that the suspension was in error, will result in a dismissal of the suspension.

Table C: Statutory Suspensions

Many laws pertaining to natural resources and boating contain mandatory suspensions. These suspensions start upon conviction and run for specified times according to law. These suspensions will affect privileges and may affect licenses, permits, stamps, tags or registrations. Examples of violations for which suspensions are mandated include, but are not limited to:

A.	Hunting from a public road	1 year
B.	Unlawfully taking a wild turkey	1 year
C.	Conspiracy to violate natural resource laws	1 year
D.	Obtaining a license, permit, stamp, or tag by fraud	1 year
E.	Altering, post dating, borrowing, or lending a license, permit, stamp, or tag	1 year
F.	Criminal, negligent use of a firearm	1 to 5 years
G.	Boating under the influence	6 months to 5 years
H.	Trawling violations	1 year
I.	Killing a Bald Eagle	5 years
J.	Failure to pay fines or restitution	suspended until payment is received
K.	Third (3) offense negligent operation of a watercraft	6 months
L.	Bear violations	3 years
M.	Impeding the right to hunt, fish, or trap	1 year

The above listed violations are examples of statutory suspensions. Other statutory suspensions exist with time periods ranging from 10 days to 10 years for certain violations and certain privileges

Suspension Violations

Persons convicted of hunting or fishing while under suspension will have an additional three (3) to five (5) years added to the original suspension date. In addition, some suspension violations require mandatory jail terms and may affect the right to own or be in possession of a firearm. Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to hold licenses, permits, stamps, or tags. Purchase or procurement of licenses, permits, stamps, or tags while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension. To find out more information on suspensions, contact the SC Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3640 or 803-734-4048.

Operation Game Thief



Game and fish law violators steal your wildlife and rob you of tax, license, and business dollars. They cheat you out of recreation and your children out of part of their future. You're their victim as surely as if they'd robbed your home.

Operation Game Thief is a program designed to stop game and fish law violators in South Carolina. Citizen involvement is the key to the success of the program. You can help in either of two ways:

- You can make a contribution to Operation Game Thief. Contributions will be used to make rewards to persons providing information leading to the arrest of game and fish law violators. Contributions are tax deductible.
- You can report a violator (anonymously if you choose). If your information leads to an arrest, you will receive a cash reward of up to \$500.00 dollars. Rewards are dependant on the amount and type of information.



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All Boats

In South Carolina, vessels may not be operated in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of an anchored vessel, wharf, pier, dock, or a person in the water. Vessels may not operate in excess of idle speed within 100 yards of the Atlantic coastline (Sec. 50-21-870).

Equipment

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) - All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable type PFD for each person on board or being towed. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available and the proper size for the intended wearer. In addition, boats 16 feet in length or longer must carry a Type IV throwable device. In South Carolina, any person under twelve years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD when on board a class "A" (less than 16 ft. long) boat.

Fire Extinguisher - One Coast Guard approved hand-held portable fire extinguisher must be aboard each boat less than 26 ft. if the boat is carrying passengers for hire or if the construction permits the entrapment of flammable vapors or if it has a permanently installed gas tank, including gas tanks that use any type of fastener that would hamper the immediate removal of the tank from the boat. Additional extinguishers are required in boats larger than 26 ft. Contact SCDNR for complete regulations.

Navigation Lights must be on between official sunset and sunrise.

Flares are required for vessels in coastal waters.

Bells, Whistle - All boats less than 39.4 feet must carry an efficient sound producing device. Every vessel from 39.4 to 65.6 feet must carry a whistle and a bell.

Personal Watercraft

In South Carolina, each person on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD.

A personal watercraft may not be operated between sunset and sunrise and must be equipped with a self-circling or lanyard-type engine cutoff switch.

When operating a personal watercraft, one may not operate in a manner so as to leave the water completely while crossing (jumping) the wake of another vessel within 200 feet of the vessel creating the wake.

Marine Events

A permit is required for any boat race or tournament. For permits or information on these and other marine events, contact Marine Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302.

Minimum Age of Operators

In South Carolina, boat operators under age 16 must complete a boating course approved by the SCDNR to operate a boat or personal watercraft with a 15 h.p. motor or greater, unless accompanied by an adult age eighteen years or older.

Reporting Boating Accidents

The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident shall report to the SCDNR whenever the accident results in loss of life, loss of consciousness, medical treatment or disability in excess of 24 hours, or property damage. For more information, call 843-953-9302.

Restrictions

Airboats are prohibited on public waters of this state from the freshwater-saltwater dividing line seaward, and on that portion of Lake Marion and Santee Swamp west of the I-95 bridge upstream to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers during the season for hunting waterfowl.

National Fishing and

Boating Week



June 4-8, 2013

Watercraft and Outboard Motor Titling and Registration Fees

New SC Watercraft Registration & Title	\$40.00
SC Watercraft or Outboard Motor Title	\$10.00
Renew 3-Year SC Watercraft Registration	\$30.00
Transfer SC Watercraft Registration & Title	\$16.00
Duplicate Watercraft/Outboard Motor Title	\$5.00
Duplicate Watercraft Registration Card	\$5.00
Duplicate Watercraft/Outboard Motor Decal	\$5.00
Late Fee (31-60 days after date of transaction)	\$15.00
Late Fee (61 or more days after date of transaction)	\$30.00

Important for Watercraft/Outboard Motor Owners to Notify SCDNR When the Following Occur:

A Change of Address	30 days
A Change of Ownership (Sale, disposal, etc.)	30 days

Report Stolen Watercraft/Outboard Motor Immediately

Personal Property Taxes

The bill of sale or title to any watercraft or outboard motor requires certification that personal property taxes have been paid by the named owner as of the date of sale. Selling a watercraft or outboard motor with taxes due is a violation of the law. An owner must notify the SCDNR Watercraft Section within 30 days of selling a watercraft or outboard motor. Remember, personal property tax assessments issued during 2012 are based on the owner of record as of Dec. 31, 2011. Check the status of watercraft and outboard motor titles at www.dnr.sc.gov/boating/ and select "SC Boat Facts" before you buy.

Registration - Watercraft propelled by any mechanized means must be registered in addition to being titled in the owner's name.

Stolen Watercraft/Outboard Motors - The owner of a watercraft or outboard motor which has been stolen should immediately contact local law enforcement to file a report and then SCDNR Marine Investigations at 803-734-3856 to receive a Theft Report form. Forms can also be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/boating/ in the Forms section

Titling - The seller of a used watercraft or outboard motor in South Carolina must produce a South Carolina Certificate of Title in his/her name at the time of sale. Titles are valid until the watercraft or outboard motor is sold, traded or exchanged. A title with erasures, white out or information marked through is not valid. The owner must request a duplicate title. Titles are required for all **sailboats**, all **outboard motors** 5 horsepower and greater, and **all other watercraft except**: documented vessels, windsurfers, and those propelled by human power with oars, paddles or similar devices.

Mailing Address - SCDNR Watercraft Section, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167, or call 803-734-3857. M – F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

For more information on boating, please refer to our Boating Handbook, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html or call 1-800-277-4301.

Vessel Sewage Regulations

It is illegal:

- To have a toilet installed aboard your boat without a marine sanitation device.
- For any boat used for habitation moored at a private dock to discharge raw or treated sewage.
- For houseboats to discharge treated or raw sewage in freshwater.
- For any vessel to discharge in a No Discharge Zone.

Designated No Discharge Zones

- Broad Creek (Hilton Head Island)
- Lake Hartwell
- Lake Murray
- Lake Wylie
- Lake Keowee
- Lake Thurmond

What Can You Do?

To prevent the possible dangers that sewage can cause to humans and the environment, boaters should: use portable toilets, utilize onshore or floating restrooms, or have a Marine Sanitation Device installed on board and use a pumpout at a local marina.



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For more information about vessel sewage regulations, contact SC-CVA@dnr.sc.gov, or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/cleanvessel/.

SCDNR Education & Outreach Programs

Hunter Education

All residents and non-residents born after June 30, 1979, must complete a hunter education course approved by SCDNR before a hunting license can be obtained. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

SCDNR offers four (4) options to take the Hunter Education Course.

1. In a classroom--The preferred Hunter Education method is through a **free** eight (8) hour instructor-led classroom. Classes maybe offered in a one day class or split over two nights. Students learn about hunting ethics, firearms safety, and the principles of conservation and wildlife management. All classes end with a **Test** to pass the course.

2. On the Internet--**The complete course can be viewed online.** The third party vendor (Hunter-Ed) who provides this online course charges \$15.00 to take the course and pre-exam. Hunter-Ed offers daily (including weekend) live customer service via email or telephone with a toll-free number. Students who successfully complete the online portion of the course must take a supervised final examination at an official testing site to complete the course.

3. CD Self Study Course--A free self-study course on CD is also available. The course is taken at home at the student's leisure, but students must take supervised final examination at an official testing site to complete the course.

4. Self-Study Workbook--A free self-study workbook is available for those who do not have computer access. This course is taken at home at the student's leisure, but students must take a supervised final examination at an official testing site to complete the course.

A student who chooses the internet or one of our home study options must take a supervised final examination at an official testing site to complete the course. List of testing sites are available on the SCDNR Hunter Education homepage. For more information on any of our Hunter Education Course options, please visit the SCDNR Hunter Education homepage at www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted or call 1-800-277-4301.

Boater Education

Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by a 15 h.p. motor or larger unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

South Carolina boaters can take a boating safety and education course three ways.

1. In a classroom — Share the learning experience with other boaters and a qualified instructor.

2. On the internet — The complete course, including the test, can be viewed or purchased online at boat-ed.com or through a link on the SCDNR homepage, www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.

3. By video — You and your family can take a boater education course in the convenience of your home by purchasing an informative video and instruction manual. To order by phone, call 1-800-460-9698.

For more information on all boating courses, call SCDNR at 1-800-277-4301 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.

If you are under age 21 and plan to go boating in another state, check that state's operator requirements. The SC Basic Boating Course is approved and recognized by all states requiring courses. The boater education certificate is not a boating license.

Bowhunting Education



Bowhunters of South Carolina (BSC) is a nonprofit organization working to promote safe and lawful bowhunting education and instruction. Several times a year, SCDNR and BSC conduct bowhunter education classes.

The ultimate goal of the bowhunter education program is to provide bowhunters with the fundamentals of safe bowhunting, an appreciation and respect for the environment in which they hunt, and a desire to maintain the highest standards of the sport. To register for a bowhunter education course, please visit the SCDNR

Hunter Education homepage at www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted or call 1-800-277-4301.

For information on the Bowhunters of South Carolina, please visit their web site at <http://www.scbowhunters.org>.

Trapper Education

The Trapper Education course includes discussions on furbearer biology, history of the fur trade, wildlife management principles, fur harvest regulations and ethical conduct. Basic hands-on trapping techniques will also be presented. Qualified instructors with the SC Trappers Association will discuss and demonstrate responsible trapping techniques.

For information, contact the Furbearer project at 803-734-3609.

Take One Make One™



This program is an outdoor education and mentoring program aimed at developing South Carolina's youth and young adults, 10 to 18 years of age, into lifetime participants in conservation, hunting, angling and shooting sports activities. Students are required to complete the SC hunter education safety course and are mentored by an experienced adult for a minimum of one year. There are no registration costs. Presentations, brochures and applications are available by calling 803-734-3995. For more information, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/education/tomo.

Archery in the Schools Program



Archery in the Schools is designed to teach JOAD-style target archery (Junior Olympic Archery Development) to 4th-12th graders. Core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. Before presenting the two-week archery course, teachers undergo an 8-hour Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) training program.

The South Carolina Archery in the Schools Program is for public and private schools and may be modified to include home school associations. You can learn more about the program by contacting the state coordinator, Sgt. Dennetta Dawson, at 1-800-277-4301 or e-mailing her at DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov. For more information about archery, go to www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/archery/.

Scholastic Clay Target Program

The Scholastic Clay Target Program provides school-age participants in grades 12 and under the opportunity to learn competitive clay target shooting skills and earn state and national recognition. This program is designed to instill in students safe firearm handling, commitment, responsibility, leadership and teamwork. For more information on this program, call 1-800-277-4301 or visit www.scysf.com.

Aquatic Education



Aquatic Education programs are designed to teach about fish, aquatic ecosystems, and the sport of fishing. Youth can learn about fish through SC Reel Art or try their hand at fishing with their parents at a Family Fishing Clinic. Avid anglers can become Certified SCDNR Fishing Instructors and share the love of fishing by leading Family Fishing Clinics. For more information on these programs, call 803-737-8483 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed.

Youth Bass Fishing Club

Calling all middle and high schools! SCDNR, The Bass Federation, and B.A.S.S. have teamed up to help bring youth bass fishing clubs to schools around the state. Students can establish school bass fishing clubs to compete for prizes, scholarships and more on a club, state and national level. Get outdoors, relax, have fun and make friends by fishing for your school! To learn more about the Youth Bass Fishing Clubs, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed, call 803-737-8483 or email aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov.

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