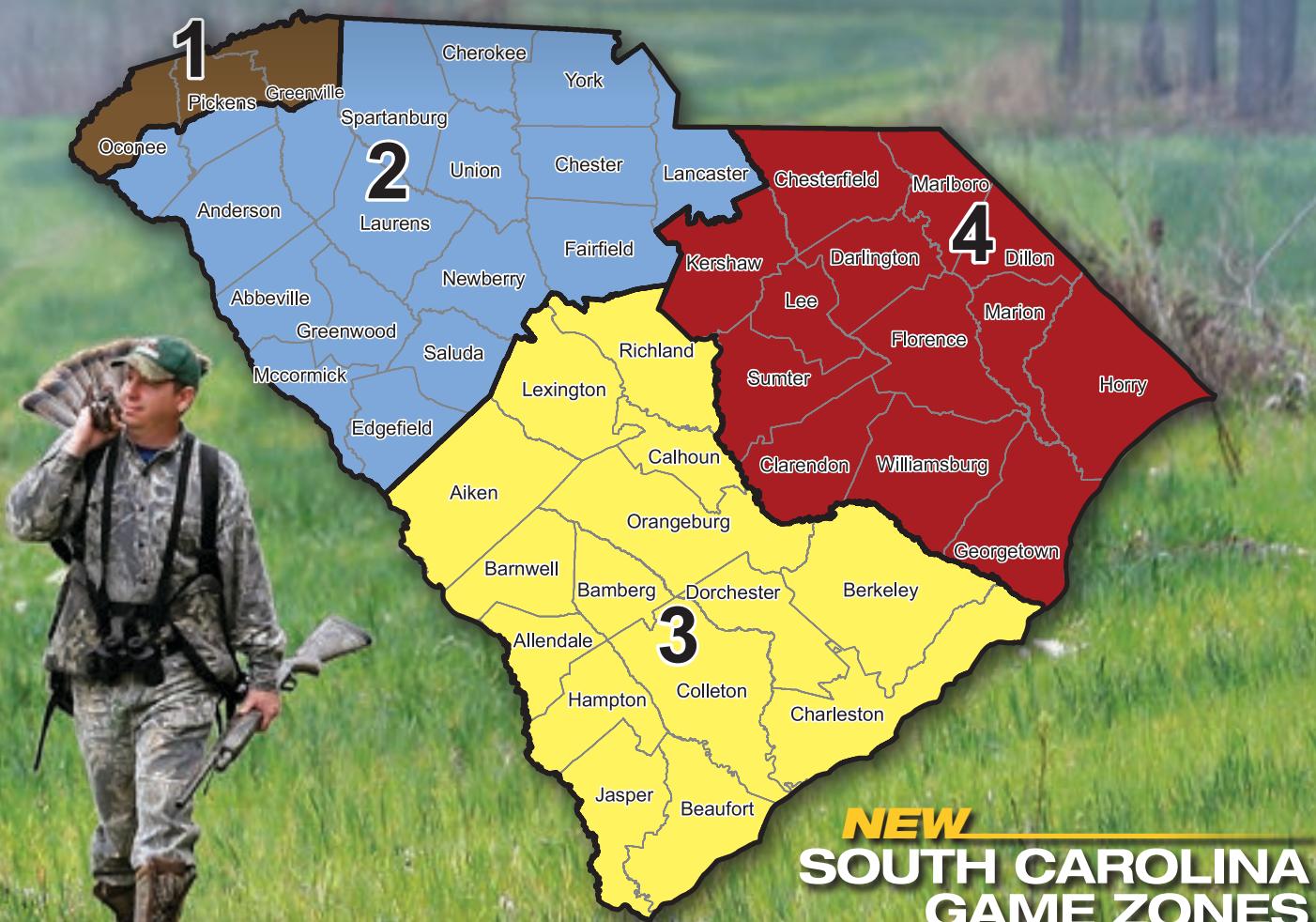


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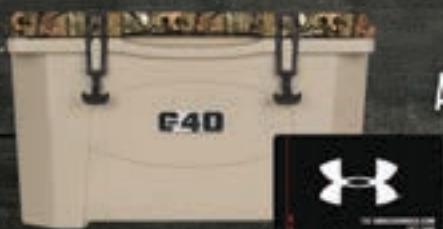
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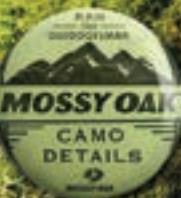
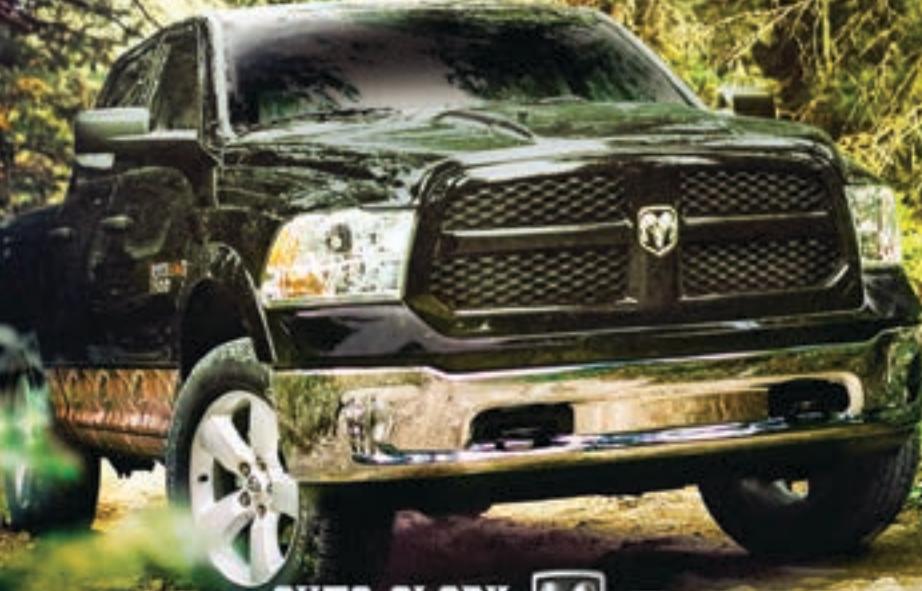
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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015–2016, CHANGES IN LAW

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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 of Laws.

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

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

What's New—Hunting

S. 1071

Game Zone Restructuring

Sponsor: Sen. Campsen
Act 227 Effective 07/01/15

This Act changed the current 6 game zones into 4 game zones effective July 1, 2015. See specific sections of this guide for any changes to seasons, limits, and methods in the areas you hunt.

S. 592

Night Hunting with Subsonic Ammunition

Sponsor: Sen. Campsen
Act 53 Effective 06/03/15

This Act added language to the night hunting law stating that "a hunter using subsonic center fire ammunition is not required to hunt from an elevated position provided that he is not carrying supersonic center fire ammunition for the same rifle." This provision applies to hunting coyotes, armadillos, and hogs at night during that time of year between the last day of February and the first day of July when advance notice is given to the department.

H. 3118

Turkey Seasons and Limits

Sponsor: Rep. Pitts
Act 41 Effective from 06/30/15 to 11/07/18

This Act changed the turkey season to March 20 through May 5 statewide. It changed the bag limit to 3 per season, 2 per day for male wild turkeys statewide. It establishes the Saturday and Sunday preceding the opening day of turkey season as "Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend". Additionally, it provides that a person who takes a turkey unlawfully "must be required to make restitution to the department in an amount of up to five hundred dollars for each bird taken."

H. 3668

Wearing Orange on WMA's during Deer Season

Sponsor: Rep. Pitts
Act 18 Effective 05/07/15

This Act requires that "All nonexempt persons must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange while on Wildlife Management Area lands during deer hunting season." WMA regulations exempt persons hunting for dove, turkey, ducks, geese, and other migratory birds including crow from the requirement of wearing international orange. All other persons on a WMA during deer season must wear international orange.

H. 3762

Identification of Traps

Sponsor: Rep. Hayes
Act 20 Effective 05/07/15

This Act allows a trapper to use his SCDNR customer identification number as identification on a trap in lieu of his name and address. It states "All traps must bear the owner's name and address or department-issued customer number either directly thereon or by an attached identification tag."

What's New - Freshwater Fishing

H. 4543

Blue Catfish Limits in the Santee Cooper System

Sponsor: Rep. Southard
Act 254 Effective April 1, 2015

This Act amended the blue catfish law 50-13-640 creating a daily possession limit of not more than 25 fish on Lakes Marion and Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee River.

It also makes it unlawful to possess more than two blue catfish greater than 32 inches in length on Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the upper reach of the Santee River, and the Congaree and Wateree Rivers.

This Act also adds to the point's law making the violation of taking or possessing more than the legal creel or size limit of blue catfish to 14 points.

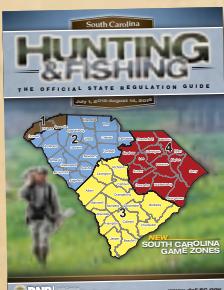
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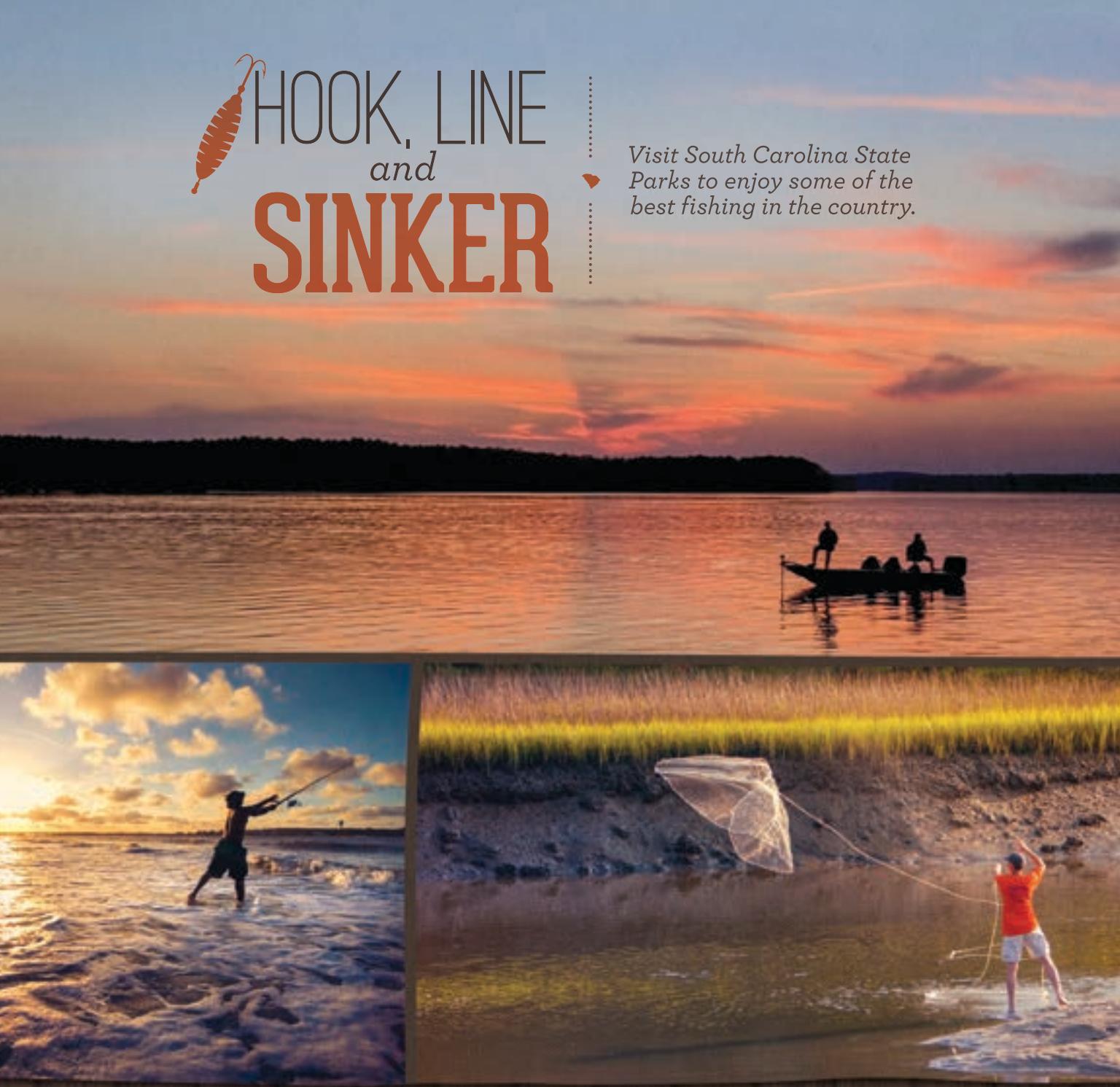
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KNOW THE NEW REGULATIONS

TURKEY HUNTING

Private Lands

- The new statewide season is March 20-May 5
- Youth weekend will be the Saturday & Sunday only proceeding March 20 of each year
- Season bag limit is 3 male turkeys, no more than 2 in one day

Public Lands

- The new statewide season is April 1-May 5
- Youth weekend will be the Saturday only proceeding April 1 of each year
- Season bag limit is 3 male turkeys, no more than 2 in one day
*seasons and limits may vary on some WMAs

INTERNATIONAL ORANGE

- During deer hunting season, all users, except hunters for dove, geese, duck and other waterfowl including crow, must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange while on Wildlife Management Areas

NEW GAME ZONES

- The number of game zones was reduced to 4 from 6
- Game Zones 1 and 2 remain unchanged
- Game Zones 3 and 6 were merged into Game Zone 3
- Game Zones 4 and 5 were merged into Game Zone 4



REGULATIONS

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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 website 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.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php>. The SCDNR News Section will issue news releases to clarify any changes to regulations, errors or omissions in this booklet.

Other information is published only in SCDNR news releases. This includes announcements relative to shrimp baiting, public hearings, SCDNR Board decisions and position statements, new legislation, youth activities, mobility impaired hunts, US Dept. of Agriculture cost-share programs, special drawing hunts, schedules for newly acquired areas and many other items of interest. SCDNR news releases are published weekly and distributed free to editors of all regional and local newspapers and are available to the public on the SCDNR website.

WHY FEWER EITHER-SEX DAYS?

In response to an ever increasing deer population in the 1980s and 1990s, SCDNR increased opportunities for hunters to take antlerless deer by increasing either-sex days and the availability of antlerless deer tags.

Over the last 10-12 years deer numbers and harvest trends have declined in many areas of the state. In addition to extremely liberal antlerless deer harvests, other factors like habitat changes related to forest management have played a role in the reduction in deer numbers. Also, coyotes are a recent addition to the landscape and are another part of the equation.

While coyotes do kill deer, hunters continue to be far and away the No. 1 source of deer mortality and the only source that hunting regulations can affect. Just as antlerless harvest opportunities were increased to address increasing deer numbers in the past, SCDNR believes that adjusting antlerless harvest opportunities at the present time is important.

Keep in mind that although some hunters are concerned with significant declines in deer, there are still areas in the state that receive high levels of agricultural damage from deer. Regardless of whether there are too few or too many deer locally, hunters continue to have flexibility to adjust antlerless harvest rates to meet their goals by using either-sex days and antlerless deer tagging programs offered by SCDNR. Ultimately, SCDNR relies on hunters to make good decisions related to deer harvest management at the local level.



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Hunting & Fishing	803-734-3886
Invasive Aquatic Plants.....	803-755-2836
Licenses	803-734-3833
Nuisance Wildlife.....	Call Regional Wildlife Offices
Saltwater Fishing & Shrimp Baiting	843-953-9312
South Carolina Wildlife magazine subscriptions	1-800-678-7227
Shellfish Recycling	843-953-9300
To Report Tagged Fish.....	1-888-TAGS-4-SC
To Report Violations	1-800-922-5431

Main Office

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Eating Fish Caught in South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) 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/foodsafety/FishConsumptionAdvisories/.

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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Law Enforcement 864-654-1671

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295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 29506

Mailing Address: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 29506-4211

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Land, Water and Conservation.....	803-764-9100
Law Enforcement	843-661-4766
Wildlife	843-661-4768

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Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries	803-734-3886

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217 Ft. Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412

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Boat Titling and Registration	843-953-9301
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Law Enforcement	843-953-9307
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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. Applicants from other countries may provide their passport in lieu of a state identification document.

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

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.

A person licensed by another state as a resident for any purpose is not eligible to apply for, obtain, or hold any South Carolina resident license, permit or tag.

Military Personnel

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

Active duty or 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 nongame fish devices or for taking shrimp over bait.

Students

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.

International Customers

Upon presentation of a passport or any international government issued documentation, an international customer may purchase hunting and fishing licenses without having to provide a social security number. Nonresident license fees apply.

Nonresident

Nonresident is a person who does not meet the definition of resident.

Change of Resident Status

Any person who lawfully acquires a resident South Carolina license, permit or tag and who then transfers their residency outside of this state may continue to use the privileges until they expire. 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 nonresident.

License in Possession

All licenses, permits, stamps and tags must be in possession of license holder while engaging in activities for which license 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 Duration

Annual recreational hunting and fishing licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase. 3 years recreational hunting and fishing licenses are valid for three years from the date of purchase.

Hunting tags (antlerless deer, bear and turkey) migratory bird permits, migratory waterfowl permits, nonresident alligator hunting fees and shooting preserve permits are valid for one season. Commercial Saltwater Nongame fish tags are valid from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

It is the responsibility of each person engaging in any hunting or fishing activity to verify they have a valid license, permit, or tag for that activity. Privileges for various licenses may expire on different dates if not purchased at the same time.

Duplicate Licenses

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. Duplicate/replacement tags are issued only through SCDNR offices. No duplicates are issued for federal duck stamps; a new stamp must be purchased.

Hunter Education Requirements

All residents and nonresidents, born after June 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.

SCDNR accepts hunter education certifications issued by other states in the United States and Canadian provinces. If you have a certification from another state, your certification meets the hunter education requirement in SC.

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 96.

Apprentice Hunting License

Hunting license applicants who do not have a hunter education certification may use a one time 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.

If the holder of an apprentice license obtains a hunter education certification prior to the expiration of his apprentice hunting license, his apprentice hunting license will be used as his statewide hunting license. The licensee must have the hunter education certification in his possession while hunting.

Saltwater Fishing License

A 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).

Freshwater Fishing License

A 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 the 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.

Migratory Bird Permit

A harvest information permit survey must be completed to obtain the Migratory Bird Permit. This permit is required of those age 16 and older hunting migratory birds in the state. Hunters 64 years of age or older who hold a SCDNR lifetime hunting, lifetime combination, Senior license, or Gratis license are not required to obtain a migratory bird permit.

Migratory Waterfowl Permit

A Migratory Waterfowl Permit, 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, Senior license, Gratis license, Catawba license or Disability license do not need to obtain an annual migratory waterfowl permit, the migratory waterfowl permit is included in each of these licenses.

Tag Requirements

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.

Youth Requirements

No child under 16 years of age is required to obtain a hunting or fishing license. If a child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any nongame fishing devices, all licensing requirements apply.

Senior Lifetime License

A person who has been a resident of SC for 180 days or longer and has reached the age of 64 may apply for a Lifetime License for \$9.00. The license is valid for Freshwater Fishing, Freshwater Set Hook, Saltwater Fishing State Hunting, Big Game, WMA and Migratory Waterfowl.

Lifetime Licenses are available through the mail or in person at DNR offices in Columbia, Charleston, Clemson, Florence and York. An application is available on page 99.



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FISHING PRIVILEGES—FRESHWATER; MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 18–43				
Freshwater Fishing License	3 Year	30.00	105.00	Valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	10.00	35.00	Valid 1 year from date of purchase.
	14 Day	5.00	11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days.
Commercial Freshwater License	Annual	50.00	1,000.00	Device quantity limits apply in freshwater bodies, See pages 40–42. Expires June 30, 2016.
NON-GAME FRESHWATER FISHING PRIVILEGES; MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 36–43				
(A freshwater fishing license or commercial freshwater fishing license is required regardless of age, to use non-game devices)				
Jug Permit	Annual	5.00	50.00	1 permit per licensee; allows up to 50 jugs subjective to body of water. Expires June 30, 2016.
Set Hook Permit	Annual	5.00	50.00	1 permit per licensee; allows up to 50 hooks subjective to body of water. Expires June 30, 2016.
Eel Pot Tag*	Annual	5.00	50.00	Recreational limit 2 pots per licensee. Reporting Requirements apply. Expires June 30, 2016.
Gill Net Tag* (Not for shad or herring)	Annual	5.00	50.00	Recreational limit 3 nets and no more than a total of 100 yds of net. Expires June 30, 2016.
Hoop Net Tag*	Annual	10.00	50.00	Commercial license required. Expires June 30, 2016.
Trap Tag*	Annual	5.00	50.00	Recreational limit 2 traps per licensee. Expires June 30, 2016.
Trotline Tag*	Annual	2.50	50.00	Recreational limit is 1 trotline with a maximum 50 hooks. Expires June 30, 2016.
FISHING PRIVILEGES—SALTWATER; MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 46–54				
Saltwater Fishing License	3 Year	30.00	105.00	Valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	10.00	35.00	Valid 1 year from date of purchase.
	14 Day	5.00	11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days.
Shrimp Baiting License & Tags*	Season	25.00	500.00	Season dates apply, see page 98 for application.
Saltwater Public Fishing Pier	Annual	150.00		100 feet or less in length, license has reporting requirements. Expires June 30, 2016.
	Annual	350.00		More than 100 feet in length, license has reporting requirements. Expires June 30, 2016.
Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	Annual	150.00		6 or fewer paying passengers, license has reporting requirements. Expires June 30, 2016.
	Annual	250.00		7-49 paying passengers, license has reporting requirements. Expires June 30, 2016.
	Annual	350.00		50 or more paying passengers, license has reporting requirements. Expires June 30, 2016.

Commercial Saltwater License and Gear Licenses: SCDNR License Office, P.O. Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29422-2559, 843-953-9301.

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PRIVILEGE TYPE	DURATION	RESIDENTS	NON RESIDENTS	NOTES, PREREQUISITES (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 8-9)
COMBINATION FRESHWATER FISHING & HUNTING PRIVILEGES**				
Combination License	3 Year	75.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing. Valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	25.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing. Valid 1 year from date of purchase.
Junior Sportsman License	Annual	16.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, for applicants 16-17 years of age. Remains valid, regardless of age until expiration. Expires 1 year from date of purchase.
Sportsman License	3 Year	150.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	50.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing. Valid 1 year from date of purchase.
HUNTING PRIVILEGES**: MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 8-9				
State Hunting License	3 Year	36.00	n/a	Hunting license, valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	12.00	125.00	Hunting license, valid 1 year from date of purchase.
	10 Day	n/a	75.00	Hunting license, valid 10 consecutive days.
	3 Day	n/a	40.00	Hunting license, valid 3 consecutive days.
Apprentice License	Annual	12.00	125.00	Hunting license applicants born after June 30, 1979, who do not hold a hunter education certification may take this one time exemption from the hunter education certification requirement. See page 8 for other requirements.
Big Game Permit	3 Year	18.00	n/a	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, 3 Year or Lifetime Hunting License required, valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	6.00	100.00	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, hunting license required. Valid 1 year from date of purchase.
Wildlife Management Area	3 Year	91.50	n/a	Required to hunt on WMA lands, hunting license or Lifetime Hunting License required. Valid 3 years from date of purchase.
	Annual	30.50	76.00	Required to hunt on WMA lands, hunting license required.
Shooting Preserve Permit	Annual	8.50		For hunting specified released species only on licensed shooting preserves. Expires June 30, 2016.

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PRIVILEGE FEES

PRIVILEGE TYPE	DURATION	RESIDENTS	NON RESIDENTS	NOTES, PREREQUISITES (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 8-9)
Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee	Season	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. Expires June 30, 2016.
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags*	Season		5.00	Maximum 4 tags per hunter, hunting license and big game permit required, season dates apply, see page 98 for application.
Bear Tag – Mtns/Game Zone 1 only (see page 62 for coastal bear draw hunt)	Season	25.00	100.00	Required to take a bear in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit season dates apply, see page 98 for application. Youth 15 years old or younger are required to obtain Youth Tags for bear from SCDNR designated offices at no cost.
Migratory Bird Permit (HIP)	Season		No Cost	Season dates apply, hunting license required. Expires June 30, 2016.
Migratory Waterfowl Permit (State Duck Stamp)	Season		5.50	Season dates apply, Migratory Bird Permit required, Federal Duck Stamp required.
Federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp)*	Season		26.00	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.
Trapping and Commercial Fur Harvest License	Annual	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. Expires June 30, 2016.

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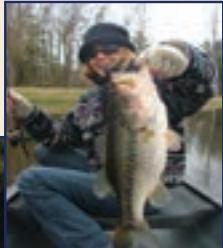
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Methods and Devices

- 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 fishermen at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if all persons in the boat sixteen years and older have valid fishing licenses.
- Cast nets for catching nongame bait fish may be in possession while fishing for game fish.
- No game fish may be used as bait to catch fish recreationally except for bream (excluding redbreast). Trout may be used as bait only on Lakes Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah, Stevens Creek Reservoir and the Savannah River. When using game fish as bait to catch fish recreationally they must be included in the 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 28.
- 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.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Memorial Day, May 30, 2016
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AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS



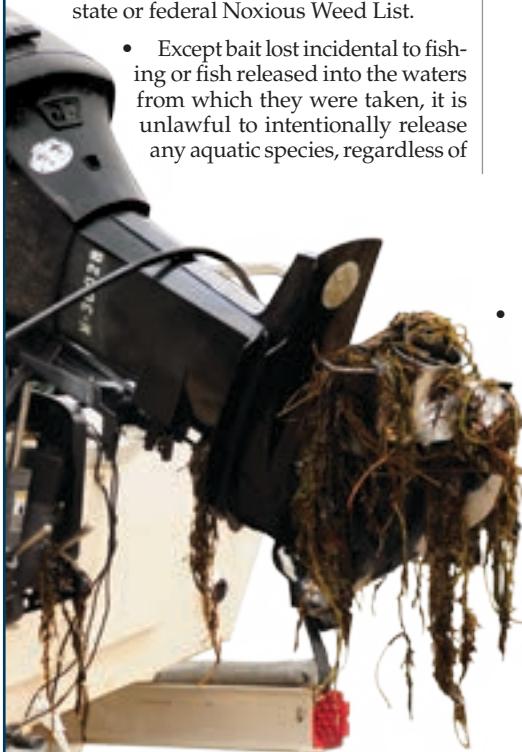
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- Non-native organism that lack natural predators or disease that help keep their growth in check. These species typically reproduce rapidly and negatively impact waterways and native aquatic organisms.

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 non-indigenous 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 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.

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**Black Bass**

Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Spotted Bass



Redeye Bass

**Pickerel**

Chain Pickerel



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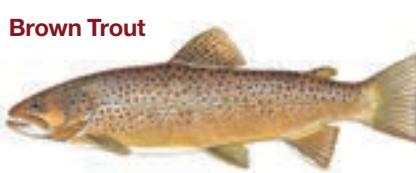
Yellow Perch

**Coldwater Trout**

Brook Trout



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Rainbow Trout

**AQUATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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

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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

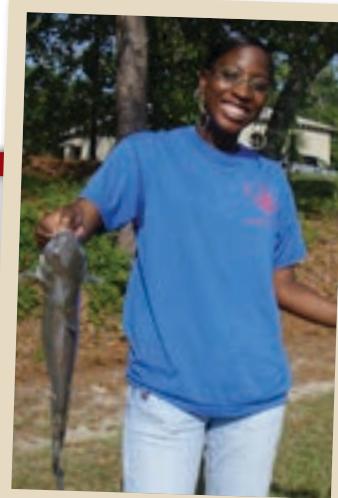
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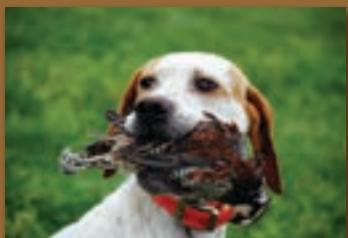
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FRESHWATER FISH SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS

NONGAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS			
WATER BODY	FISH	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT PER PERSON PER DAY
Statewide	American Eel	6 inches	50
Lakes Marion & Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee River	Blue Catfish	Only 2 fish larger than 32 inches may be taken	25
Congaree & Wateree Rivers	Blue Catfish	Only 2 fish larger than 32 inches may be taken	No limit

**GAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS
BREAM, REDBREAST SUNFISH, CRAPPIE, YELLOW PERCH, PICKEREL, WALLEYE & SAUGER**

- 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.

WATER BODY	FISH	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT PER PERSON PER DAY
Statewide	Bream (includes bluegill, flier, warmouth, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, redear (shellcracker) and spotted sunfish)	Any length	30
Statewide	Redbreast Sunfish	Any length	15
Statewide	Crappie	8 inches	20
Statewide	Walleye & Sauger	Any length	No more than 8 combined total of walleye or sauger
Statewide	Chain Pickerel	Any length	30
Statewide	Redfin Pickerel	Any length	30
Statewide	Yellow Perch	Any length	30

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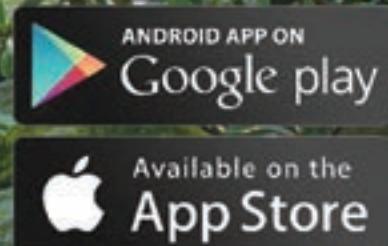
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FRESHWATER FISH SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS

GAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, REDEYE & SPOTTED BASS

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WATER BODY	FISH	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT PER PERSON PER DAY
Statewide except the water bodies listed below:	Smallmouth Bass	12 inches	No more than 5 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye bass or their hybrids
Lakes Hartwell, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah; Stevens Creek Reservoir; the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers	Smallmouth Bass	Any length	No more than 10 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye, spotted bass or their hybrids
Lake Keowee	Smallmouth Bass	12 inches	No more than 10 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye, spotted bass or their hybrids.
Statewide except the water bodies listed below:	Redeye Bass	Any length	No more than 5 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye bass or their hybrids.
Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah; Stevens Creek Reservoir; the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers	Redeye Bass	Any length	No more than 10 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye, spotted bass or their hybrids
Statewide except the water bodies listed below:	Largemouth Bass	Any length	No more than 5 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye bass or their hybrids
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	Largemouth Bass	14 inches	No more than 5 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye bass or their hybrids
Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah; Stevens Creek Reservoir; the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers	Largemouth Bass	12 inches	No more than 10 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye, spotted bass or their hybrids
Lake Robinson (Greenville County)	Largemouth Bass	12 inches	No more than 5 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye bass or their hybrids
Statewide except the water bodies listed below:	Spotted Bass	Any length	15
Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, Russell (including the Lake Hartwell tailwater), Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah; Stevens Creek Reservoir; the Chattooga and Savannah Rivers	Spotted Bass	Any length	No more than 10 combined total of smallmouth, largemouth, redeye, spotted bass or their hybrids
Slade's Lake	Largemouth, Redeye, Smallmouth & Spotted Bass	12 inches	No more than 2 bass per person per day

STATE FISHING RECORDS

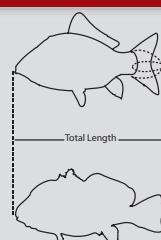
Check out state record catches at www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/freshrecs/records

Report potential record breaking catches at your nearest regional SCDNR office.

MEASURING A FISH

How to Properly Measure a Freshwater Fish

TL=total length measure; Tip of snout with mouth closed to tip of tail. 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.

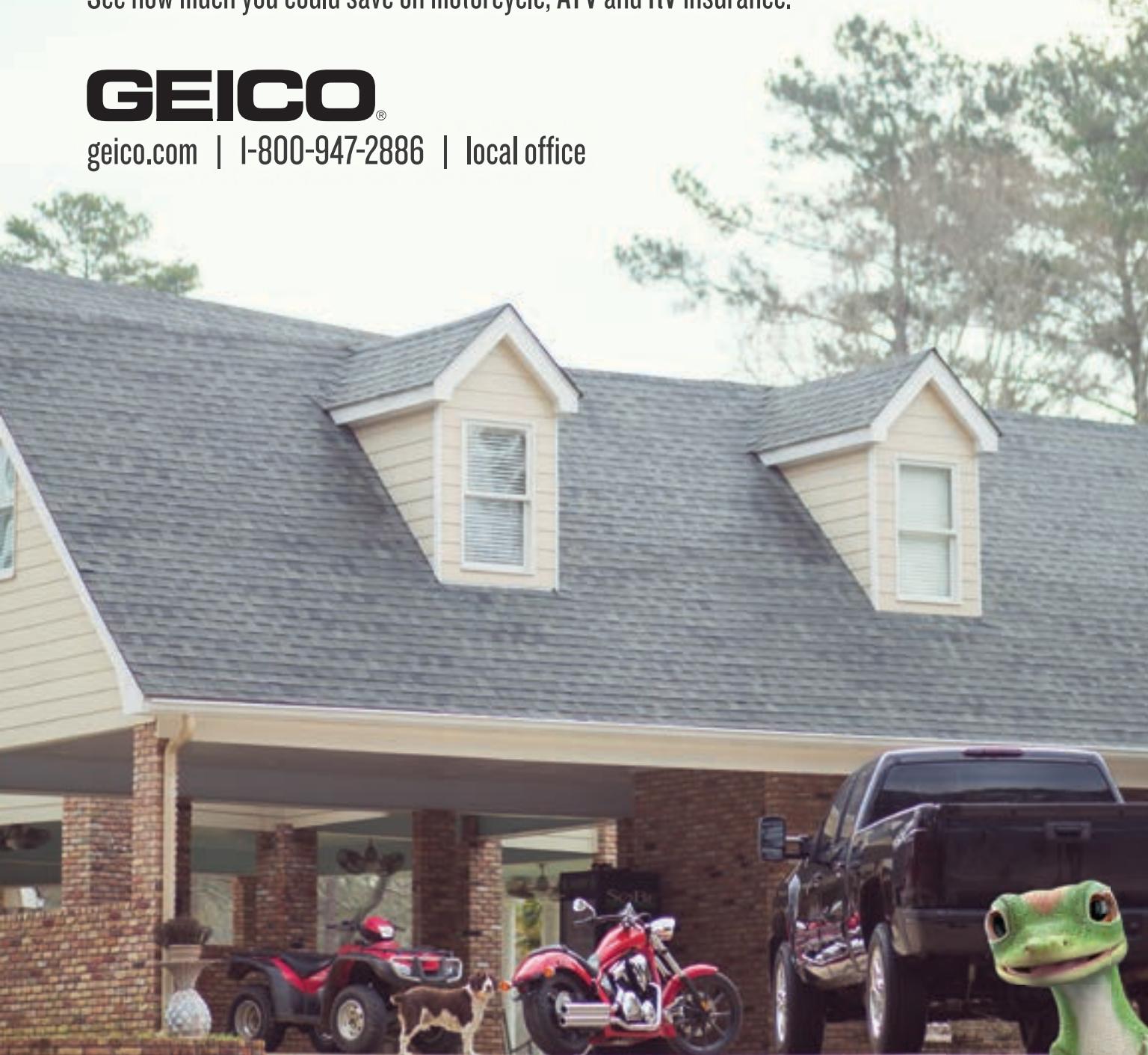


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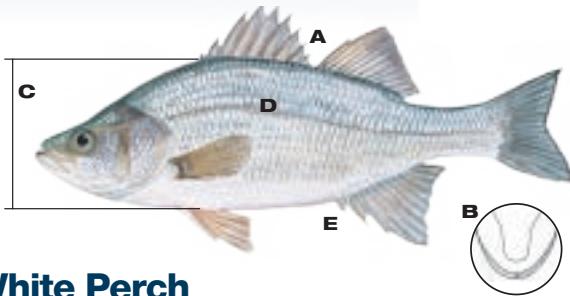
FRESHWATER FISH SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS**GAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS
STRIPED, WHITE & HYBRID BASS**

• 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.

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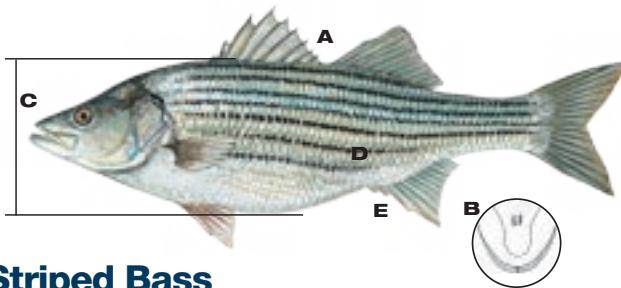
WATER BODY	FISH	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT PER PERSON PER DAY
Statewide except the Savannah River	White Bass	Any length	10
Statewide except on the Savannah River and Lakes Hartwell, Russell and Thurmond see below.	Hybrid Bass	None	10
Statewide except the water bodies list below:	Striped Bass	Any length	10
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 (see map, page 29); Coosawhatchie River; Cuckholds Creek; Edisto River; Horseshoe Creek; Lumber River; Lynches River; Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers; Pocotaligo in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties; Salkehatchie and Little Salkehatchie Rivers; Sampit River; Santee River system (see map, page 29); Tulinfinny River; Thoroughfare Creek; and Waccamaw River	Striped Bass	Oct. 1 - May 31: 26 inches	3
		Jun. 1 - Sept. 30: closed except catch and release on the Lower Saluda River	
Lake Murray	Striped Bass	Oct. 1 - May 31: 21 inches	5
		Jun. 1 - Sept. 30: any length	Unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess more than 5
Saluda River (Middle Reach) <i>All waters of Saluda River from backwaters of Lake Murray at SC Hwy 395 upstream to Lake Greenwood Dam</i>	Striped Bass	Oct. 1 - May 31: 21 inches	5
		Jun. 1 - Sept. 30: any length	Unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess more than 5
Saluda River (Lower Reach) <i>All waters of Saluda River from confluence with Broad River upstream to Lake Murray Dam</i>	Striped Bass	Oct. 1 - May 31: 26 inches	3
		Jun. 1 - Sept. 30: any length	Catch and Release only
Lake Russell	Striped or Hybrid Bass or a combination	Only 1 fish larger than 34 inches	2
Lake Hartwell Tailwater	Striped or Hybrid Bass or a combination	Only 1 fish over 34 inches	2
Savannah River (Lower) <i>All waters of Savannah River from its confluence with the Atlantic Ocean upstream to the Lake J. Strom Thurmond Dam</i>	Striped, Hybrid or White Bass or a combination	27 inches	2
Lake Hartwell & Lake Thurmond	Striped or Hybrid Bass or a combination	Only 3 fish over 26 inches	10

TEMPERATE BASS IDENTIFICATION



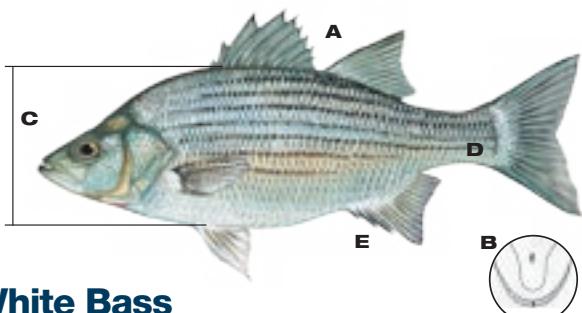
White Perch

- A.** Dorsal fins joined by a membrane.
 - B.** No tooth patches on tongue.
 - C.** Body deepest in front of 1st dorsal fin
 - D.** No stripes present or only faintly striped on lower body only.
 - E.** 2nd spine almost equal the length of 3rd spine.



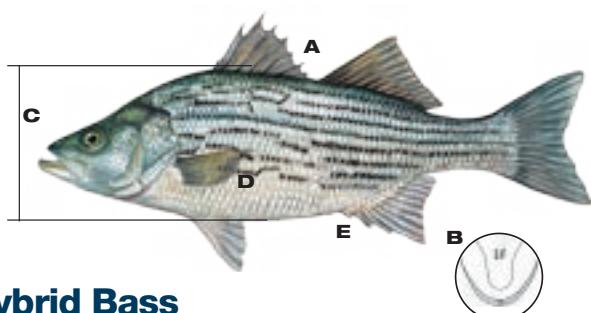
Striped Bass

- A. Dorsal fins not joined.
 - B. Back of tongue has 2 distinct tooth patches.
 - C. Body slender, less than 1/3 length.
 - D. Stripes distinct, several extend to tail.
 - E. 2nd spine 1/2 the length of 3rd spine.



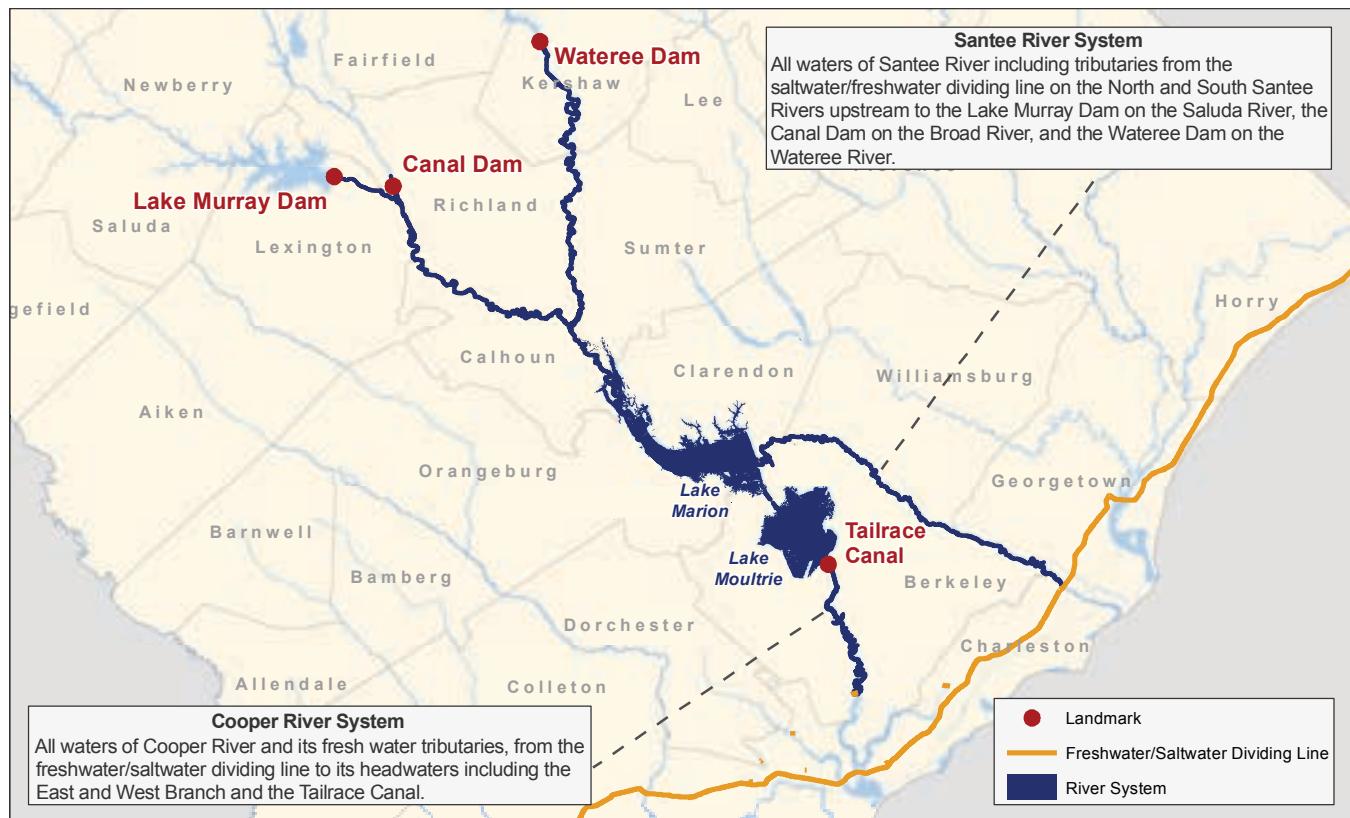
White Bass

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| <p>A. Dorsal fins not jointed.</p> <p>B. Back of tongue has 1 tooth patch.</p> <p>C. Body deep, more than 1/3 length</p> | <p>D. Stripes faint, only 1 extends to tail.</p> <p>E. 2nd spine 2/3 the length or more of 3rd spine.</p> |
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Hybrid Bass

- A.** Dorsal fins not joined.
 - B.** Back of tongue has 2 distinct tooth patches.
 - C.** Body deep, more than 1/3 length.
 - D.** Stripes distinct, usually broken, several extend to tail.
 - E.** 2nd spine 2/3 or more the length of 3rd spine.



FRESHWATER FISH SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS**GAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS
BROOK, BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT**

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• Check with state parks, city reservoirs or county parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

WATER BODY	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	BAIT & TACKLE RESTRICTIONS
Statewide except the water bodies listed below:	Any length	5	None
Waters on Georgia Border	Any length	5	None
Chauga River (SC Hwy 290 [Cassidy Bridge Road] upstream to Bone Camp Creek)	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Chattooga River (Hwy 28 to Reed Creek)	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Cheohee Creek	Any length	5	None
Cheohee Creek (portion that runs through the Piedmont Forestry Center) Open Mon, Wed, Sat or as posted	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Corbin Creek (from confluence with Howard Creek upstream to SC Hwy 130)	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Devils Fork Creek	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Eastatoe Creek (Keowee to Roy Jones Road)	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?**Northern Snakehead**

Note long anal fin

Bowfin

Note short anal fin

It is unlawful to transport, purchase, possess or sell live snakehead in South Carolina. If you catch a snakehead, **DO NOT RELEASE IT!** Keep the fish, freeze it or place it on ice and contact:

S.C. Department of Natural Resources

(803) 366-7024 or (843) 661-4767

FISHING SEASONS & LIMITS

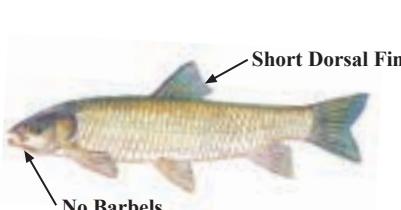
GAME FISH SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS (CONTINUED) BROOK, BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT

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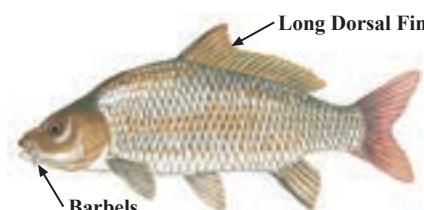
• Check with state parks, city reservoirs or county parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

WATER BODY	SIZE LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	BAIT & TACKLE RESTRICTIONS
Eastatoe Creek (portion on Eastatoe River Heritage Preserve)	Any length	5	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except artificial lures.
Howard Creek (from confluence with Corbin Creek upstream to confluence with Limberpole Creek)	Any length	Nov. 1 - May 14: Catch and Release only	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except single hook artificial lures.
		May 15 - Oct. 31: 5	None
Lower Saluda River	Only 1 fish may be more than 16 inches	5	None
Matthews Creek (from Asbury Drive Bridge at Asbury Methodist Camp upstream including all tributaries and headwaters)	Any length	5	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except artificial lures.
Matthews Creek (downstream from Asbury Drive Bridge at Asbury Methodist Camp downstream to the confluence with South Saluda River)	Any length	5	None
Middle Saluda (from the foot bridge at Jones Gap State Park Office upstream to US Hwy 176 in Greenville County)	Any length	5	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except artificial lures.
Middle Saluda (from Hugh Smith Road Bridge upstream to the foot-bridge at Jones Gap State Park) Open Mon, Wed, Sat	Any length	Catch and Release only	Lawful to use or possess only artificial lures with single hooks.
Whitewater River (Oconee County)	Any length	5	Unlawful to use or possess any lure or bait except artificial lures.
Lake Jocassee	Oct. 1 - May 31: 15 inches, but only 1 fish more than 20 inches	3	Unlawful to use or possess corn, cheese, fish eggs or imitations of them.
	Jun. 1 - Sept. 30: Any length	Unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess more than 3	
Lake Russell	Any length	5	None

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



Triploid Grass Carp



Common Carp

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/



WHAT IS AN ARTIFICIAL LURE?

Artificial lure: means manufactured or handmade flies, spinners, plugs, spoons, and reproductions of live animals, which are made completely of natural or colored wood, cork, feathers, hair, rubber, metal, plastic, tinsel, styrofoam, sponge, or string, or any combination of these materials, in imitation of or as substitute for natural bait. Lures or fish eggs enhanced with scents or salts are not artificial lures. Artificially produced organic baits are not artificial lures.



FISHING —
STATE LAKES

COUNTY	WATER BODY	ACRES	OPEN DAYS	OPEN TO FISHING	MAXIMUM BOAT/MOTOR HP
Barnwell	Lake Edgar Brown	100	Every day	24 hours a day	Motor allowed, gas outboards of 10 hp or less allowed north of Wellington Road
Berkeley	Bonneau Ferry Lakes*	150	Thur. – Sun. Mar. 2 – Oct. 31	Daylight hours	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Cherokee	Lake Cherokee	50	Every day	24 hours a day	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Cherokee	Lake Thicketty	100	Every day	24 hours a day	Paddle, electric trolling motor, or gas outboards 10 hp or less
Chester	Lake Oliphant	40	Mon., Wed., & Sat.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Chester	Mountain Lake 1	42	Tue., Thur., Sat., & Sun.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Chester	Mountain Lake 2	7	Tue., Thur., Sat., & Sun.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Darlington	Dargan's Pond	50	Wed. & Sat. Mar. 1 - Sept. 30	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Greenwood	Star Fort Pond	22	Wed., Fri., & Sat. April 1 - Nov. 1	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Hampton	Lake George Warren	400	Every day	24 hours a day	Paddle, electric trolling motor, or gas outboards 10 hp or less
Lancaster	Lancaster Reservoir	60	Thur. & Sat.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Lancaster	Sunrise Lake	25	Mon., Wed., Sat.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Lee	Lake Ashwood	75	Every day, except Tue.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle, electric trolling motor, or gas outboards 10 hp or less
Marlboro	Lake Paul Wallace	300	Every day	24 hours a day	Fishing side - Paddle, electric trolling motor or outboard motors 10 hp or less
Spartanburg	Lake Edwin B. Johnson	40	Every day	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Union	Jonesville Reservoir	25	Mon., Wed., & Sat.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
Union	Lake John D. Long	80	Every day	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	Paddle or electric trolling motor only
York	Draper WMA Lakes**	1 & 5	Every day, except Tue.	½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset	No boats allowed

Note: Statewide size & possession limits apply for all other species, unless noted otherwise. For detailed regulations, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/lookup

* Adult/youth fishing only. Each youth (17 and younger) must be accompanied by no more than 2 adults, 18 years of age or older. The youth must actively fish. Fishing is not allowed during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. See Bonneau Ferry WMA hunt regulations for hunt dates.

** Daily creel limits are combined for all Draper WMA Lakes.

CATFISH CREEL/ SIZE LIMITS	BASS CREEL/ SIZE LIMITS	BREAM CREEL/SIZE LIMITS	STATEWIDE CRAPPIE LIMIT APPLIES?	MINNOWS ALLOWED AS BAIT?	BOAT RAMP	FISHING PIER	HANDICAP ACCESS
3	3 (16" or longer)	20	No	Yes	X	X	X
5	2	10	Yes	Yes	X		Limited
3	3	20	No	Yes	X	X	X
3	3	20	No	Yes	X		
3	3	10	No	No	X	X	X
3	1	10	No	No	X		
3	1	10	No	No		X	X
3	3 (only 1 16" or longer)	20	Yes	Yes	X	X	X
3	3	10	No	No		X	X
3	3	20	No	Yes	X	X	X
3	2 (16" or longer)	20	Yes	No	X		
3	2	10	No	No	X		
3	3 Catch & Re- lease only	15	No	No	X	X	X
3		20	No	No	X	X	
3	3	10	No	No	X	X	X
3	3	10	No	No	X	X	X
3	3	10	No	No	X	X	X
3	3	15	No	No			

State Lake Closures

The following lakes have been closed for renovations and restocking.

- Lake Oliphant closed July 1, 2015 and will reopen July 1, 2017
- Sunrise Lake closed July 1, 2015 and will reopen July 1, 2017.

FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

Habitat Improvement Ups Your Chance of Landing the Big One

Catching a fish sometimes isn't as simple as dropping your line in the water. The aquatic habitat has to be suitable for popular game fish to find shelter, food and spawning grounds. "Fish Attractors" utilize recycled Christmas trees and other brush to create underwater diversity. Habitat enhancement in major South Carolina freshwater bodies has been an ongoing effort to provide improved fish habitat and fishing opportunities.

Habitat improvement takes place from the shoreline out to deeper waters marked by buoys. Long-term enhancement along the shoreline includes live plantings, which can help reduce erosion and create a natural habitat. More fish-friendly improvements include gravel and rocks to create spawning grounds.



Beginning of habitat enhancement at Lake Long in 2008



Shoreline enhancement utilizing brush and rocks at Lake Hartwell in 2014

Funding from a Natural Resource Damage Assessment case is supporting a large scale habitat enhancement project at Lake Hartwell. Many of the techniques mentioned above were used at Lake Hartwell. The first site, a cove adjacent to the Cherry Farm at Clemson University, was completed in 2015. Twelve additional sites are currently being evaluated for the next phase of the project.

A recent joint project between the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and the Santee Cooper Public Service Authority brings new freshwater artificial reefs to Lake Moultrie and Lake Marion. The

Santee Cooper Promotions board helped fund the transportation of reef materials which were donated by Concrete Pipe & Precast of North Charleston and General Pre Cast manufacturing Company of Moncks Corner. The concrete fish attractors differ from the brush piles which are generally used in the lakes and will provide more diverse habitat opportunities. Each site is marked with a buoy and will provide better fishing opportunities for new anglers not as familiar with the lakes.



Offshore enhancement creating diversity at greater depths at Lake Marion and Moultrie in 2014

To find out more information and view maps of habitat restoration visit:

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/fishattract/fishattr.htm>

State Lake Enhancements Underway

Like many small ponds and lakes, periodically SCDNR's State Lakes need to be drained and restocked in order to produce good fishing. This process, referred to as renovation, involves draining the lake, removing any fish left in the lake, adding wood structures and gravel spawning areas to the lake bottom, finalized by refilling and restocking. The process takes two years to complete. This lake renovation process was just completed at Lake Long in Union County and the lake reopened on July 1, 2015. Lake Olliphant in Chester County and Sunrise Lake in Lancaster County closed July 1 in order to begin the renovation process and are scheduled to reopen in July 2017.

Background Photo Shoreline placement of gravel is used to create suitable spawning substrate (at Lake Hartwell in 2014)



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Redeye Bass Species Profile



Redeye bass can display individually unique and beautiful colorations. (Photo by Steve Sammons)

of spotted bass (Alabama bass) into the reservoirs of the upper Savannah Basin has led to the spread of that species throughout that system. The impact of this non-native species to redeye bass has been catastrophic in those reservoir habitats. Most recent survey work done by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has shown that through hybridization between the two species, redeye bass have been eliminated from Lakes Keowee and Russell and are in sharp decline in Jocassee and Hartwell. Except for isolated tributary streams separated from reservoirs, pure redeye populations may no longer exist.

The continued presence of redeye bass in South Carolina depends on populations in their native Piedmont streams. Movement of spotted and smallmouth bass from one body of water to another presents the greatest current threat to redeye bass. Conserving the current populations and their habitats is critical to the continued existence of this unique native fish. You can help conserve redeye bass and other native species by following the law and never releasing aquatic organisms into waters other than that from which they were caught. Also remember, it is unlawful to release your bait bucket contents unless the bait was collected from the waterbody that you are fishing. Please be responsible when fishing with live bait.

The redeye bass is valued not only as a species of concern, but also because it is an excellent game fish. It is a hard fighting fish and even small individuals are a lot of fun to catch on light tackle. The unique angling opportunities of redeye bass offer an exciting fishing experience in some of South Carolina's most scenic settings. Fly fishing for redeye on the Chattooga River has become popular in the summer months. Wading or paddling any of the beautiful Piedmont streams where this fish is found is a great way to spend time outdoors. Please review the regulations for redeye bass and all game fish before fishing (black bass found on page 26).



Anglers seek redeye bass in the scenic Chauga River in Oconee County.

Quick Stats

Redeye Bass (Bartram's Bass)

Micropodus coosae

- Identification: The eyes are sometimes, but not always red. Slender bronze-olive body that fades into white on the belly, dark distinct lateral blotches or bars along the side typically numbering twelve or less and horizontal rows of spots on the lower side, which can vary from black to pale green in color. Distinguishing white edges along the upper and lower edges of the caudal (tail) fin. The mouth is large and extends to the rear edge of the eye, but not beyond. Teeth are usually present on the tongue. Often has turquoise coloration around the gill and eye.
- Range: Northwestern parts of the state, primarily in the Savannah river basin, it is also present in tributaries of the upper Saluda and Broad river in the Santee basin.
- Habitat: Small to moderate size upland streams in riffles or pools with some flow, some lakes around rocky substrates. Appear to prefer shoal habitats and generally associated with cool water streams
- Average Length and Size: 6-9 inches and 6 oz.-1 lb.
- Food Preferences: Terrestrial insects, crayfish, small fish, salamanders and aquatic insects
- Similar Species: Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass.
- Threats: Hybridization with non-native species, primarily spotted bass and smallmouth bass, and the expansion of the range of non-native species in South Carolina. Increase in water temperature and poor water clarity from loss of surrounding vegetation and tree coverage.



Redeye bass collected from the Little River during one of SCDNR's sampling trips.

Background Photo Ideal redeye bass habitat on the Chauga River.



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FRESHWATER NONGAME FISHING REGULATIONS

Freshwater Nongame Fish

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

General Information

- Nongame fish may be taken with any lawful nongame fishing device. Nongame fish may also be taken with hook and line. A fisherman may only use four rods and reels. A fisherman fishing from a boat may use an unlimited number of rods and reels if all persons in the boat 16 years and older have valid fishing licenses.
- 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 trotline with not more than 50 hooks
 - » not more than 50 set hooks
 - » not more than 50 jugs
 - » up to 2 traps
 - » 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 43).
 - » 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 page 40).
- 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.
- On Lakes Marion and Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee river only 2 blue catfish larger than 32 inches may be taken and there is a 25 fish possession limit. On the Congaree and Wateree Rivers there is no possession limit and only 2 fish larger than 32 inches may be taken.
- Native freshwater mussels cannot be taken without a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. The non-native Asian clams, also known as *Corbicula* may be taken. 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.

Shad/Herring

Includes American and hickory shad and blueback herring.

- To take shad for recreational purposes by hook and line, cast net, or skimbow net in waters of the state, a person must have the appropriate freshwater or saltwater recreational fishing license.
- American shad and herring may be harvested by skimbow net from February through April. 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.

- It is unlawful to possess saltwater or freshwater game fish or fishing tackle capable of taking saltwater or freshwater game fish while taking or attempting to take shad or herring with gillnets.
- 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.
- It is unlawful to take shad by hook and line or by skimbow net while operating or possessing any commercial fishing equipment for taking shad or herring.
- 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 43.

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
 - » 2 or more hoop nets
 - » 3 or more traps, or
 - » 2 or more trotlines or fish trotlines with more than 50 hooks.
 - » 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 43.)
- 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.
- On Lakes Marion and Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee River only 2 blue catfish larger than 32 inches may be taken and there is a 25 fish possession limit. On the Congaree and Wateree Rivers there is no possession limit and only 2 fish larger than 32 inches may be taken.
- 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.

Markers and Identification

of Nongame Devices

- Trotlines, traps, eel pots, gill nets, and hoop nets must be marked with a white floating marker not less than a capacity of one quart and not more than a capacity of one gallon and must be made of solid, buoyant material that does not sink if punctured or cracked. A floating marker must be constructed of plastic, PVC sponges, plastic foam, or cork. A hollow buoy or float, including plastic, metal, or glass bottles or jugs, must not be used, except that a manufactured buoy or float specifically designed for use with nongame fishing devices may be hollow if constructed of heavy duty plastic material and approved by the department. The owner's name and depart-

ment customer identification number must be legible on each of the white floating markers. Both commercial and recreational fishermen shall comply with provisions of this title pertaining to the marking and use of a nongame fishing device. A trotline must be marked on both ends.

- A commercial trotline must be marked at intervals of every 50 hooks. A commercial trotline which uses fifty or fewer hooks must be marked at intervals of 25 hooks. A recreational trotline must be marked at intervals of every 25 hooks. Each interval float must be 'International Orange' in color.

Bait

- No game fish (except bream, excluding redbreast, 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, shrimp, grapes or meat scraps (which may not include insects, worms and other invertebrates).
 - » On the Edisto, Black, Sampit, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches and Waccamaw Rivers, live nongame fish and bream, excluding redbreast, may be used with single-barbed set hooks that have a shank-to-point gap of fifteen-sixteenths inches or greater.
 - » On the Black, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream, excluding redbreast, may be used on trotlines having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of fifteen-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.
- There are no restrictions on the type of bait permissible in traps or eel pots, except that no game fish or parts thereof shall be used as bait.
- 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'. Except for bream (other than redbreast), no other game fish is allowed to be used as bait, provided, trout are allowed to be used as bait only on Lakes Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond, Tugaloo, Yonah, Stevens Creek Reservoir, and the Savannah River. When using game fish as bait to catch fish recreationally they must be included in the daily creel limit.
- 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 therein. 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.

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NONGAME FISH TAGS UPDATED REGULATIONS

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 SCDNR 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.

A fishing license is required of all persons who fish nongame fishing devices. Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See page 40, Nongame Device Limits by Location.

Gill Nets

(Not for shad and herring; see page 43).

Description

Nets must have a mesh size not less than 4-1/2 inches stretch mesh. The maximum length is 100 yards in the freshwater and no net, cable line or other device used for support of a gill net may extend more than halfway across any stream or body of water. Nets must be marked with a white floating marker (see Markers and Identification of Nongame Devices on page 36).

Permits/Regulations

A gill net tag is required. A gill net may be placed in the freshwaters on a first come first serve basis but a gill net must not be placed within 200 yards of another gill net. Along the Little Pee Dee River upstream of Punch Bowl Landing, no net may be set within 75 feet of a gill net previously set or drifted within 75 feet of another drifting net. Nongame fish taken in shad nets lawfully fished during the open season for taking shad may be kept. A sturgeon caught must be returned immediately to the waters from where it was taken.

Hours/Seasons

The season for taking nongame fish other than American shad and herring in the freshwaters of this State with a gill net is from Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 (where authorized) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.

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. Hoop nets must be marked with a white floating marker (see Markers and Identification of Nongame Devices on page 36).

Permits/Regulations

A hoop net tag is required. 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 up 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, Russell, and Thurmond and Stevens Creek Reservoir. A jug permit is not required for residents assisting jug permit holders. Jugs must be marked with name and customer ID number (see pages 37-39).

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. Each set hook must be labeled with customer name and customer ID number.

On the Black, Edisto, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches (including Clarks, Mill and Muddy Creeks), Sampit and Waccamaw Rivers, live nongame fish and bream, excluding redbreast, may be used with single-barbed set hooks that have a shank-to-point gap of fifteen-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.

Permits/Regulations

A permit is required to fish up to 50 hooks (50 hook limit). Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit. Set hooks must be marked with name and customer ID number (see page 39).

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

Traps & eel pots described below must be marked with a white floating marker (Markers and Identification of Nongame Devices, page 36-37).

Trap Type 1 Description

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 Description

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 Description

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. (Permit required, call 843-953-9311)

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 freshwaters of this state.

Hours/Seasons

No closed season.

Trotlines

Description

Two or more hooks attached to a line which is rigged horizontally and marked with a

white 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.

On the Black, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber, Lynches (including Clarks, Mill and Muddy Creeks) and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream, excluding redbreast, may be used on a trotline having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of fifteen-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. (See Markers and Identification of Nongame Devices on page 36-37).

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 marked with the name and customer ID number. 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, call 843-953-9311)

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. Must be marked with name and customer ID number.

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 be marked with the user's name and customer ID 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.

CUSTOMER ID NUMBER

To find your customer identification number, please see the number in the lower left hand corner of your DNR issued license.



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NONGAME DEVICE LIMITS BY LOCATION

Ashepoo River

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
 - Set Hooks: 50
- Commercial Devices**
- Eel Pots: 75
 - Set Hooks: 50

Ashley River

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- Eel Pots: 75
- Set Hooks: 50

Black Creek including Lakes Robinson & Prestwood

Darlington, Florence & Chesterfield counties.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines

Black River

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps (only from Pea House landing downstream): 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Bush River

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Catawba River

From the Lake Wylie Dam to the Cedar Creek Dam including the in-stream reservoirs.

Recreational Devices

- Seines not allowed.
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Seines not allowed.
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Combahee River

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Eel Pots: 75
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines

Congaree River

Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Hoop Nets: 10
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 10
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Cooper River

Berkeley & Charleston counties.

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 2
- Pump Nets: 1
- Set Hooks (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 50
- Skimbow Nets: 1

Commercial Devices

- Traps (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 2
- Trotlines (not allowed upstream from Wadboo Creek): 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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

Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Durbin Creek

Greenville & Laurens counties.

Recreational Devices

- Seines: 1

Edisto River

Including the North and South Forks.

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Eel Pots: 75
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines

Enoree River

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines

Lake Greenwood

Recreational Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Hartwell

Recreational Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Keowee

Recreational Devices

- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lakes Marion and Moultrie and the upper reach of the Santee River

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- 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

Lake Murray

Recreational Devices

- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Russell

Recreational Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Secession

Recreational Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Thurmond and Stevens Creek Reservoir

Recreational Devices

- Jugs: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Wateree

Recreational Devices

- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Traps: 5
- Trotlines: 150 hooks maximum no more than 3 lines

Lake Wylie

Recreational Devices

- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 250 hooks maximum no more than 5 lines

Little River

From Mars Bridge in McCormick County up to the confluence of Barkers Creek (Long Branch) and Corner Creek in Anderson County.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Log Creek

Edgefield County.

Recreational Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Louther's Lake

Darlington County.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50

Lumber River

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame gill nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum

Lynches River

Includes Clarks Creek, Mill Creek and Muddy Creek.

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum

Mulberry Creek

Greenwood County.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

New River

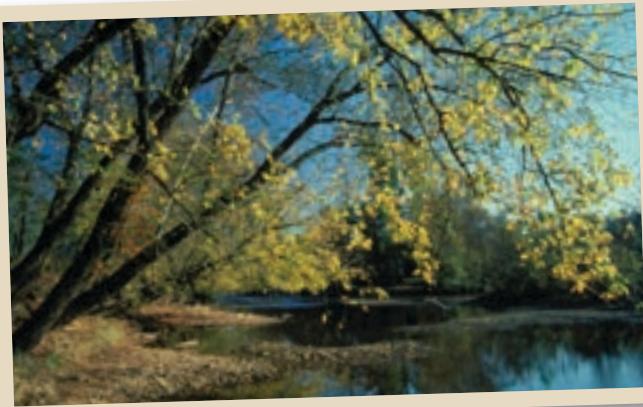
Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

NONGAME DEVICE LIMITS BY LOCATION



Pacolet River

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum

Rabon Creek

Laurens County.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Reedy River

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum

Rocky River

Anderson County.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Salkehatchie River

Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum

Saluda River, Lower Reach

Recreational Devices

- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Sampit River

Recreational Devices

- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Skimbow Nets: 1
- Traps: 2

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
- Skimbow Nets: 1
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Eel Pots: 75
- Traps: 50
- Trotlines: 5 lines with 250 hooks maximum

Savannah River

Lower reach to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line.

Recreational Devices

- Eel Pots: 2
- Gill Nets: nongame nets in season
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Thicketty Creek

Cherokee County.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Tulifinny River

Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50

Turkey Creek

Edgefield and Greenwood counties.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Tyger River

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1
- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 3 lines with 150 hooks maximum

Waccamaw River

Recreational Devices

- 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

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

Wateree River

Recreational Devices

- Set Hooks: 50
- Traps: 2
- Trotlines: 1 line with 50 hooks maximum

Commercial Devices

- 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.

Recreational Devices

- Seine: 1

SHAD & HERRING FISHING REGULATIONS

Applies to American and hickory shad and blueback herring only

Shad Gill Net

A gill net used for taking or attempting to take shad in the inshore saltwaters must have a stretched mesh size of no smaller than 5-1/2 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 5-1/2 inches and be no longer than 600 hundred feet. Gill nets for taking shad may be freely drift fished or set.

Herring Gill Net

A gill net used for taking or attempting to take herring in the salt waters of this State must have mesh size of 2-1/2 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 2-1/2 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/marine/shad>.

Recreational (unlawful to sell catch)

Limits

Shad

Ten shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion Canal (where it is 20 per person per day)

Herring

One US bushel of herring per person per day. Herring Fishery closed in the Savannah River and in all rivers in the Winyah Bay River System (which 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.

Gear Type:

- 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.

Hook and Line, Cast Nets or Skimbow Nets

- 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.

Shad Gill Net or Herring Gill Net

- 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.

Recreational License Requirements

- 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 843-953-0453.

Commercial (selling your catch)

Gear Type:

Cast Net

- To use a cast net to take herring for commercial purposes, a person MUST have a commercial license, a gear license, and related permits.

Shad Gill Net or Herring Gill Net

- 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.

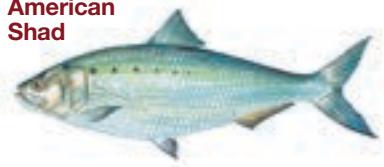
Commercial License Requirements

- 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 843-953-0453.

American Shad



Blueback Herring



Hickory Shad



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BOATING

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 US 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 US 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 feet 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 feet. Contact the SCDNR for complete regulations.

Navigation Lights

Navigation Lights must be on between official sunset and sunrise.

Flares

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 US 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 with more than 20 boats. 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 18 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.

Titling and Registration

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.

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 the 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.

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.

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 2015 are based on the owner of record as of Dec. 31, 2014. Check the status of watercraft and outboard motor titles at www.dnr.sc.gov/boating and select "SC Boat Facts" before you buy.

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 treated or untreated sewage in a No Discharge Zone.

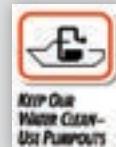
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What Can You Do?

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

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



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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/headboat 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/Headboat 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/licensing.html>.

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 8.

Bush Lines / Pole Lines

Permits/License

Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions

Recreational fisherman may not use more than ten bush or pole lines with single hooks or baits.

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.

Gigging

(Gig, Spear, & Bow & Arrow)

Permits/Licenses

Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions

- It is unlawful to gig for flounder in salt waters during daylight hours. For the purposes of this section, gigging does not include underwater spear fishing.
- 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.

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 and herring see page 43).

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 one 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.

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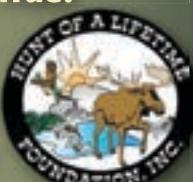
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Trotlines (Long Lines)

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, Vermillion, 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. A permit is not required to possess a castoff or molted shell of a horseshoe crab.
- 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.

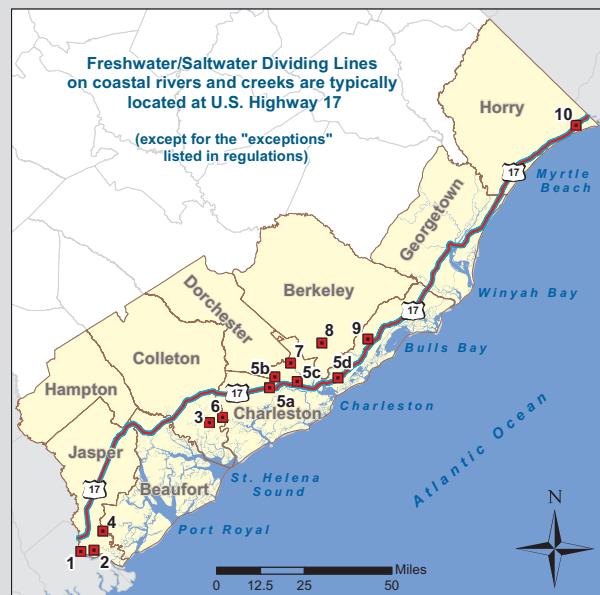
Marine Protected Areas (MPA's)

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 longline gear is prohibited in these areas. For locations and more details on these MPAs, please visit www.safmc.net or call 843-571-4366.

FRESHWATER/SALTWATER DIVIDING LINE

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 US Highway 17:

- On Savannah River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed located approximately one and three-fourths miles upstream from the US Highway 17A bridge.
- Wright River is salt water for its entire length.
- On Ashepoo River the dividing line is the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- On New River the dividing line is at Cook's Landing.
- Wallace River (5a), Rantowles Creek (5b), Long Branch Creek (5c), and Shem Creek (5d) are saltwater for their entire lengths.
- On Edisto River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Canal Cut.
- On Ashley River the dividing line is the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- 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.
- Wando River is saltwater for its entire length.
- 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 US Highway 17.



For more information visit:
www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/dividingline

SIZE & CATCH LIMITS

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length; See page 54 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA FINFISH: INSHORE AND OFFSHORE

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	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 43 for licensing, permitting, and gear requirements.
Herring	See page 36 for closed areas.	1 US bushel of herring per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 43 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)		15 per person per day not to exceed 30 per boat per day	14-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limits apply to hook and line or gig.
Red Drum	May not 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 (Hard-head & 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	May not 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 except in lower reach of the Savannah River (2 per person per day year round; see page 28 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 28 for details.)	26 inch TL except in lower reach of the Savannah River (27 inch TL; see page 28 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	77-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Tripletail	No associated regulations			
Weakfish		1 per person per day	12-inch TL	
Atlantic Croaker, Spot, Whiting		50 per person per day aggregate bag limit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limit applies to hook and line only.

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
OFFSHORE FINFISH				

An operator or crew member onboard a for-hire or commercial vessel must have a valid Operator Card when underway fishing for Dolphin/Wahoo.

These species are also managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) in federal waters. Regulations may change. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.

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 47) for information on SMZs.

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.
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.

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SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
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Many of these species are managed under annual catch limits. Seasons may be closed when catch limits are met. Visit <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov> for the latest information on the status of annual catch limits.

These species are also managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) in federal waters. Regulations may change. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.

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. 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 47) for information on SMZs.

Greater Amberjack		1 per person per day	28-inch FL	• In April, for-hire vessels are limited to 1 per person/day or 1 per person/trip.
Hogfish			12-inch FL	
Spadefish		No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with snapper grouper complex species		
Wreckfish	Closed: Jan. 1 – June 30 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	1 per vessel per day		

SEABASS

Black Seabass	In federal waters, closed when Annual Catch Limit (ACL) is met	5 per person per day	13-inch TL	
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PORGIES AND SNAPPERS

Red Porgy		3 per person per day	14-inch TL	
Vermilion Snapper	Open year round	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			8-inch TL	
Black, Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray, Mahogany, Schoolmaster			12-inch TL	
Silk and Queen Snapper		10 per person per day from this group	12-inch TL	
Mutton Snapper			16-inch TL	

GROUPER AND TILEFISH

Gag & Black Grouper	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30		24-inch TL	
Scamp, Red, Yellowfin, & Yellowmouth Groupers	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30		20-inch TL	
Golden Tilefish	Closed: June 7, 2014 Will re-open: Jan. 1, 2015	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		
Blueline Tilefish, Misty Grouper, Yellowedge Grouper and Sand Tilefish				
Coney, Grasby, Red Hind & Rock Hind	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30			

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
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.
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.

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SIZE & CATCH LIMITS**SOUTH CAROLINA****BILLFISH AND ATLANTIC TUNAS**

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
BILLFISH				
Blue Marlin			99-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel.
White Marlin			66-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel.
Sailfish			63-inch FL from lower jaw	• 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	• 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		• If caught fish must be released immediately.

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	No associated regulations.		
Bigeye Tuna		27-inch curved FL	
Bluefin Tuna	1 per vessel per day per trip	27-inch to 73-inch curved FL	• See https://hmspermits.noaa.gov for for-hire vessel bag and size limits. • All recreationally caught Atlantic billfish and Bluefin tuna landed must be reported to NMFS within 24 hours of landing at the dock.
Yellowfin Tuna	3 per person per day per trip	27-inch curved FL	
Other tunas: Blackfin, Bonita, and Little tunny	No associated regulations.		

SOUTH CAROLINA**SHARKS**

SPECIES	CLOSED SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
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/compliance/regulations/index.html .				
Dogfish (spiny & smooth)		No associated regulations.		
Atlantic Sharpnose		1 per person per day		
Bonnethead		1 per person per day		
Blacknose, Blacktip, Blue, Bull, Finetooth, Lemon, Shortfin Mako, Nurse, Porbeagle, Spinner, Thresher, Tiger and Oceanic Whitetip Sharks		1 shark per vessel per day from this group	54-inch FL	
Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead and Smooth Hammerhead Sharks		1 shark per vessel per day from this group	78-inch FL	
Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bignose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Caribbean Reef, Sandbar, Sevengill, Caribbean Sharpnose, Silky, Big-eye 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA
CRUSTACEANS & SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

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 US 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 US 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).
Shrimp Baiting	60-day season set by the SCDNR beginning at noon on the last Friday on or before September 15. 2015 Shrimp baiting season Sept. 11 (Noon) - Nov. 10 (Noon)	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.

SEASONS & LIMITS

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 Sponges, 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.

Shellfish

(Oysters, Clams, Mussels, Whelks, and other Mollusks)

Permits/Licenses

Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Season

Typically open Oct. 1 through May 15 (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 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 shellfish 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.

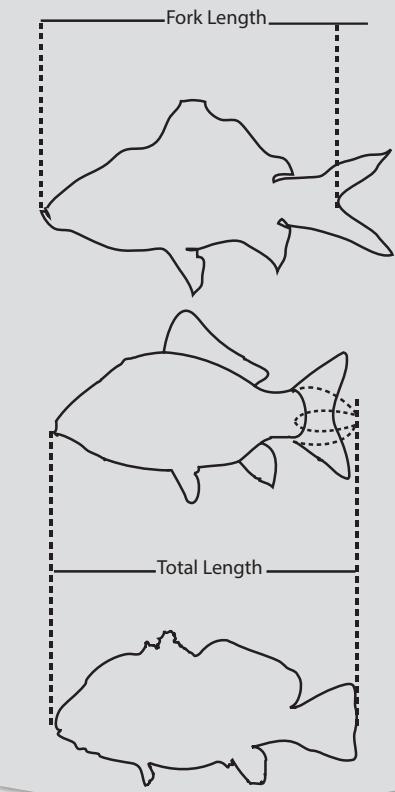
Shell Recycling

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.

MEASURING A FISH

How to Properly Measure a Saltwater Fish

TL=total length measure: From the closed mouth (snout) to the tip of the tail fin when pinched together. It is a straight line measure, not over the curvature of the body. FL=fork length measure: From the tip of the closed mouth (snout) to the center of the fork of the tail. It is a straight line measure, not over the curvature of the body.



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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

KNOW THE NEW REGULATIONS

TURKEY HUNTING

Private Lands

- The new statewide season is March 20-May 5
- Youth weekend will be the Saturday & Sunday only proceeding March 20 of each year
- Season bag limit is 3 male turkeys, no more than 2 in one day

Public Lands

- The new statewide season is April 1-May 5
- Youth weekend will be the Saturday only proceeding April 1 of each year
- Season bag limit is 3 male turkeys, no more than 2 in one day
*seasons and limits may vary on some WMAs

INTERNATIONAL ORANGE

- During deer hunting season, all users, except hunters for dove, geese, duck and other waterfowl including crow, must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange while on Wildlife Management Areas

NEW GAME ZONES

- The number of game zones was reduced to 4 from 6
- Game Zones 1 and 2 remain unchanged
- Game Zones 3 and 6 were merged into Game Zone 3
- Game Zones 4 and 5 were merged into Game Zone 4



WHY FEWER EITHER-SEX DAYS?

In response to an ever increasing deer population in the 1980s and 1990s, SCDNR increased opportunities for hunters to take antlerless deer by increasing either-sex days and the availability of antlerless deer tags.

Over the last 10-12 years deer numbers and harvest trends have declined in many areas of the state. In addition to extremely liberal antlerless deer harvests, other factors like habitat changes related to forest management have played a role in the reduction in deer numbers. Also, coyotes are a recent addition to the landscape and are another part of the equation.

While coyotes do kill deer, hunters continue to be far and away the No. 1 source of deer mortality and the only source that hunting regulations can affect. Just as antlerless harvest opportunities were increased to address increasing deer numbers in the past, SCDNR believes that adjusting antlerless harvest opportunities at the present time is important.

Keep in mind that although some hunters are concerned with significant declines in deer, there are still areas in the state that receive high levels of agricultural damage from deer. Regardless of whether there are too few or too many deer locally, hunters continue to have flexibility to adjust antlerless harvest rates to meet their goals by using either-sex days and antlerless deer tagging programs offered by SCDNR. Ultimately, SCDNR relies on hunters to make good decisions related to deer harvest management at the local level.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Information on Hunting

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game. **Regulations in this section apply to both private and public lands statewide, unless otherwise specified.**

Licenses and Permits

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on types of licenses and permits is located on pages 12 & 14. 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 8.

Game Zones & WMAs

South Carolina is divided into four game zones, as defined on the maps on page 60.

The 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. The 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, Eurasian collared doves and starlings). Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

Importation & 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.), bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, coyote, 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 possession of live alligators is illegal without a permit from the Department (50-15-50).

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of the SCDNR as provided by regulations (50-11-1765). It is unlawful to import coyotes. The possession and sale of live foxes and coyotes is restricted by law (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 US 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 fur-bearing species into the state for any purpose except with a permit issued by the SCDNR. Requests for importing furbearing animals for private possession violate the spirit of the Rabies Control Act and will be denied.

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

Equipment & Methods

Archery

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.

Crossbows

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

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). Falconry Allowed.

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 73.

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.

Trapping

Trapping regulations are available in a separate publication or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>.

Commercial Fur Harvest

Regulations are available in a separate publication or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>.

Youth Hunting Days

Youth Hunting Days are scheduled for many species of game and allow youth 17 years of age and younger 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 pages 91-92 for youth hunt day list.

Free Hunting Days

December 26 & 27

Free hunting days allow all South Carolina residents to hunt without a state hunting license or other required permits, to include Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit, or Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp). It is important to note that Free Hunting Days are offered by the State of South Carolina and do not waive any Federal requirements for a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) to hunt migratory waterfowl.

Free hunting days are available only to SC residents and apply to all lands in which hunting is allowed, to include private lands and Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) throughout the state that are not otherwise closed to hunting. The list of open WMAs can be found by visiting the Public Lands tab of the DNR website at <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/lookup/>. Please note that all existing seasons, bag limits and methods of take still apply.

Prohibited Acts

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 pages 68-69).

Sunday Hunting

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

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 the SCDNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

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.

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 Regulation 3.6 page 73 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.

SHOOTING RANGES

The 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 (Pickens Co.)

From Easley, take SC Highway. 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive 1/2 mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately 1/2 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.)

Wednesday-Saturday: 8:00am - dark and Sunday 1:00pm - dark except during deer and 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 Co.)

\$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.

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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 pages 68-69 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.

DEER RULES & REGULATIONS

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 (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 with a firearm within three hundred yards of a residence when less than ten feet above the ground without permission of the owner and occupant. The provisions of this section do not apply to a landowner hunting on his own land or a person taking deer pursuant to a department permit.

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

These 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 pages 60-61.

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)**.

Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program

With the Individual Antlerless Deer Tag 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: Only 1 tag is valid in Game Zone 1 on WMA or private land. In Game Zones 1 & 2, tags are valid on WMA and private land starting Oct. 1. In Game Zones 3-4, tags are valid on WMA and private land starting Sept. 15. Limit of one (1) antlerless deer per day using Individual Tags on WMA and private land statewide. No more than two (2) Individual Tags may be used on all WMAs combined in Game Zones 2-4. Up to 4 individual tags may be used on private land in Game Zones

2-4. 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. Tags must be attached to the deer and validated as specified on the tag form.

All persons purchasing individual tags last year will be sent a renewal notice in August. Tags are available over the counter at DNR offices in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, Florence, and York. Tags can be ordered by telephone a 1-866-714-3611 or online at: <http://dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html>.

A handwritten application can be obtained on page 98 of this publication or at <http://dnr.sc.gov/regis/pdf/speciallicenseapp.pdf>.

The possession and use of these tags is limited to the individual whose name appears on the tags.

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 July 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

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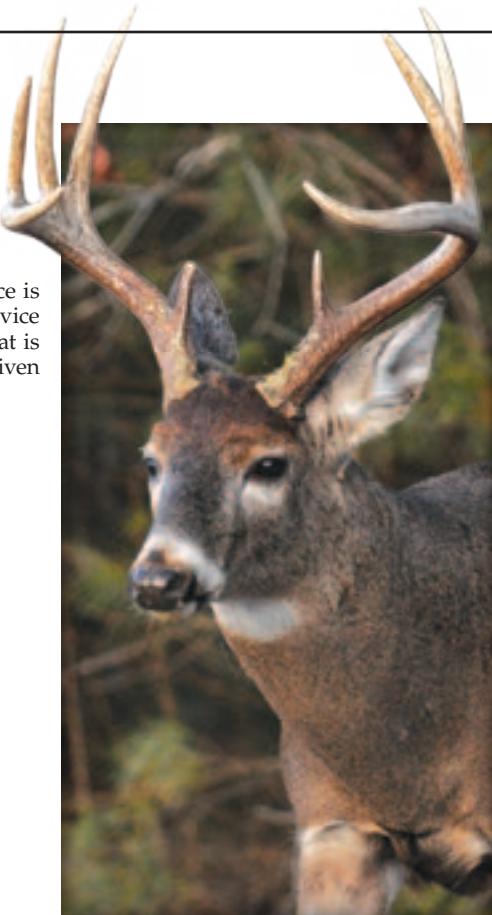
a particular tract of land based on criteria including: density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

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 (Piedmont) and Game Zones 3-4 (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. Tags do not alter the use of weapons during special weapons seasons. Game Zone season and daily limits on antlerless deer do not apply on properties enrolled in the ADQP. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

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.



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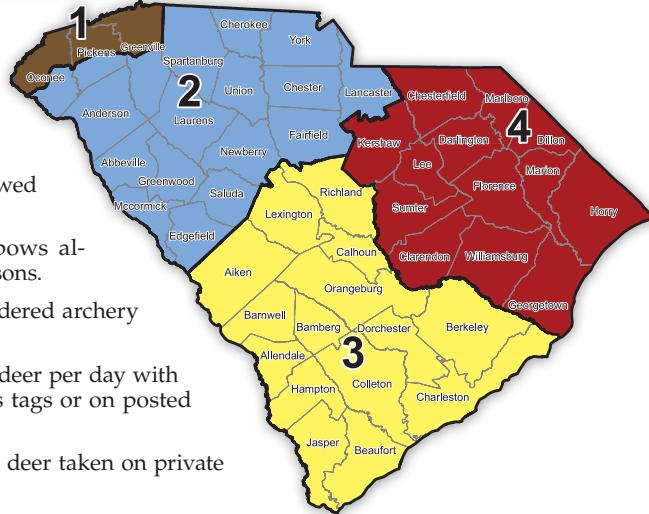
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DEER RULES & REGULATIONS

Deer Seasons on Private Lands

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands.
- Archery and crossbows allowed during all seasons.
- Crossbows are considered archery equipment.
- Limit of 1 antlerless deer per day with individual antlerless tags or on posted either sex days.
- Limits listed include deer taken on private & WMA lands.
- Only 1 individual antlerless deer tag may be used in Game Zone 1. Tags are valid in Game Zones 3-4 beginning Sept. 15 and in Game Zones 1 & 2 beginning Oct. 1. Individual tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Individual tags do not alter the daily (1 per day) or seasonal limit or change the type of weapon that can be used during special weapons seasons. Tags must be attached to the deer and validated as specified on the tag form.
- In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs.
- Baiting or hunting deer over bait is permitted on private lands statewide.



Statewide Youth Day

Private lands: Jan. 2: Limit 2 total, 1 antlerless deer. No tags required.

Game Zone 1 (Private Lands)

Buck Limit: 2 per day, 5 per season (all methods and hunt periods combined)

Antlerless Limit: One (1) per day on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tag. Archers may take either-sex during primitive weapons seasons without being required to tag the animal.

Deer Primitive Weapons:

Oct. 1-10

Muzzleloader is buck only. One (1) antlerless deer may be taken with an individual antlerless deer tag. Archery antlerless limit 1 per day - 2 total.

Gun Hunts: Oct. 11-Jan. 1

Antlerless Limit: buck only for all weapons except on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tag. 1 antlerless per day. Total 5.

Either-Sex Days: Nov. 14, 21, 28

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Buck Limit: 2 per day, 5 per season (all methods and hunt periods combined)

Antlerless Limit: One (1) per day on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags. Archers may take either-sex during primitive weapons seasons (including archery only season) without being required to tag the animal.

Archery Only: Sept. 15-30
1 antlerless per day - 2 total.

Primitive Weapons: Oct. 1-10
Muzzleloader is buck only, except Antlerless on Oct. 3, 10 or with individual antlerless deer tags. 1 antlerless per day - 2 total.

Gun Hunts: Oct. 11-Jan. 1
Buck only, except on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags - 1 antlerless deer per day - 5 total.

Either-Sex Days: Oct. 17,
Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 26; Jan. 1

Game Zone 3 (Private Lands)

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 1 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags.

Archery & Gun Hunts:

Aug. 15-Jan. 1

Buck only, except on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags. 1 antlerless deer per day.

Either-Sex Days: Oct. 3, 10, 17;

Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 26; Jan. 1

Game Zone 4 (Private Lands)

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 1 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags.

Archery Only: Aug. 15-31

Buck only.

Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1

Buck only, except on either-sex days or with individual antlerless deer tags. 1 antlerless deer per day.

Either-Sex Days: Oct. 3, 10, 17;

Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 26; Jan. 1



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ALLIGATOR & BEAR REGULATIONS

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 hunt-

ing 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.

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

(Game Zone 1)

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 16 are required to obtain a youth bear tag from the department at no cost. Bear tags are available over the counter at DNR offices

in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, Florence, and York. Tags can be ordered by telephone a 1-866-714-3611 or online at: <http://dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html>.

A handwritten application can be obtained on page 98 of this publication or at <http://dnr.sc.gov/regs/pdfs/speciallicenseapp.pdf>.

The possession and use of bear tags is limited to the individual to whom it was issued. 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 Sept. 1 with the 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. Twenty tags will

be issued for Williamsburg County and 75 tags each for Georgetown and Horry counties. Applications will be available August 1 at SCDNR offices, online at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting/>, or by calling 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is Sept. 18. The season is Oct. 24-Nov. 5, 2015. 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. Hunters not selected will earn a preference point that applies to next year's drawing.

Bear Seasons on Private Lands (Game Zone 1 ONLY)

- Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 98)
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.

Still Hunt (No Dogs): Oct. 17-23

Limit: 1 bear; no sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less.

Party Dog Hunts: Oct. 24-30

Limit: 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 at www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting. Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.



TURKEY REGULATIONS

Seasons & Limits

- **Private lands statewide:** March 20 - May 5
- **WMA lands statewide:** April 1 - May 5
 - » Some WMA's may be more restrictive, see page 64 for specified hunt dates.
- **Limit statewide private and WMA lands:** 3 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day.
 - » Some WMA's may be more restrictive, see page 64 for specified limits.

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 3 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (SC Code 50-11-525). Bearded hens are not legal.
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16 or those who are calling or guiding must possess a valid set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged and validated as prescribed on the tag form before being moved from the point of kill. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Hunters who have used all their tags may call or guide for other hunters provided they possess their tag form.
- Legal weapons - shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and crossbows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols and 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 a 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

STATEWIDE TURKEY YOUTH HUNT DAYS ON PRIVATE LAND (TAGS REQUIRED)

Mar. 12-13 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.



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 (Youth) & Belfast WMA (Adult Hunts and Youth hunts). Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To apply, visit our website at www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts. Deadline for applications is Feb. 27.

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

How to Get Turkey Tags

Request turkey tags when you get your Big Game Permit, Sportsman's or Combination Li-

cense. If "Turkey Tags" appears on your license, you should receive tags by mail. Tags will be mailed in mid February. You can order turkey tags by visiting <http://dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html> or by completing and mailing the application on page 98 or call 1-866-714-3611. Tags will be available over the counter at SCDNR offices in late February. Handwritten tags are no longer available over the counter at local vendors as in the past. **All hunters, including youth, are required to have turkey tags in possession while hunting for wild turkey.**

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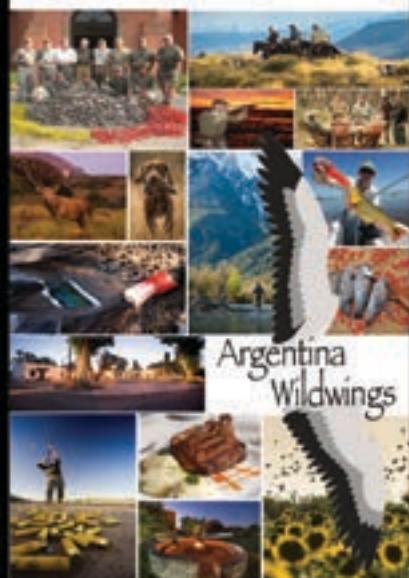
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AREAS OPEN	LIMIT	AREAS OPEN	LIMIT
Keowee WMA	2	Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Thurs.-Sat. only)	2
Fants Grove WMA	2	Waccamaw River HP (Thurs.-Sat. only)	2
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2	Cartwheel Bay HP (Thurs.-Sat. only)	2
Sand Hills State Forest WMA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

Statewide Youth Hunt Day on Wildlife Management Areas (Tags required)
March 26, 2016 for all areas listed above, except Keowee WMA.

- 1 Keowee WMA - Shotguns only -- north of Highway 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell 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 Gunters 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 WMAs, 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.

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SPECIES	GAME ZONE	PRIVATE LAND SEASONS	WMA SEASONS	LIMIT
Mourning Doves	All Game Zones	Sept. 5-7 (afternoons only) Sept. 8-Oct. 17, Nov. 14-28, Dec. 14-Jan.15	See Public Dove Field List Available in Early August	15 per day
Crow	All Game Zones	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Quail	All Game Zones	Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2015 (dogs only) Nov. 24-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 20, 2016 (dogs only)	Sept. 1-14 (dogs only) Nov. 24-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs)	12 per day
Rabbit	All Game Zones	Mar. 2-Nov. 25, 2015 (dogs only) Nov. 26-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2016 (dogs only)	Sept. 1-14 (dogs only) Nov. 26-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs)	5 per day
Squirrel	All Game Zones	Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2015 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2016 (dogs only)	Sept. 1-14 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1	10 per day
Fox	All Game Zones	Mar. 2-Nov. 25, 2015 (dogs only) Nov. 26-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2016 (dogs only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 25 (dogs only, night only) Nov. 26-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs, night only)	No limit
Beaver	All Game Zones	Year-round	Sept. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	All Game Zones	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	No limit
Grouse	Game Zone 1 only	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	3 per day
Raccoon & Opossum	All Game Zones	Mar. 16-Sept. 14, 2015 (dogs only) Sept. 15, 2015-Mar. 15, 2016 (guns & dogs) Mar. 16-Sept. 14, 2016 (dogs only)	Sept. 1-14 (dogs only, night only) Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs, night only)	3 per party, per day No limit for opossum

STATEWIDE**YOUTH DAYS ON PRIVATE LAND**

SPECIES	GAME ZONE	DATE	LIMIT
Raccoon	All Game Zones	Sept. 12, 2015	Game Zone limits apply
Squirrel	All Game Zones	Sept. 26, 2015	Game Zone limits apply
Quail	All Game Zones	Nov. 21, 2015	Game Zone limits apply
Rabbit	All Game Zones	Mar. 5, 2016	Game Zone limits apply

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, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through Mar. 1.

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 any firearm.

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, chukars and pheasant 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.

Field Trials

It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for such trial has been obtained from the 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.

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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 July 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 US Fish & Wildlife Service. Detailed the 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 brant.

Refer to the Migratory Bird Brochure for complete information on particular species and other restrictions or by visiting the migratory bird web page, <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/migratorybird/regulations.html>.

Crows

A hunting license is 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 US 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).

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.

A hunting license is required to hunt hogs. 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



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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 (www.dnr.sc.gov/nighthunt) 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 the 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 hunting with subsonic ammunition do not have to hunt from an elevated position, provided they do not possess supersonic ammunition for that weapon. Persons convicted of certain road hunting and night hunting violations during the previous five years are ineligible to hunt hogs at night.

Hogs cannot be hunted at night on WMA lands, but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where hog hunting is allowed. See page 90.

Swine brucellosis

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° F prior to eating.

Coyotes & 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 (www.dnr.sc.gov/nighthunt) 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 the 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 hunting with subsonic ammunition do not have to hunt from an elevated position, provided they do not possess supersonic ammunition for that weapon. Persons convicted of certain road hunting and night hunting violations during the previous five years are ineligible to hunt coyotes at night.

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 78.

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 the SCDNR.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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 the SCDNR to lease approximately 1.1 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by the 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 US 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 page 76. 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.



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

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PROPERTIES

Open dates for each season are listed in the Hunt Seasons section beginning on page 78 of this book.

Note: * indicates an SCDNR Property.

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		
Bear Island*	12,153	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x				x	x	x	x		
Belfast*	4,664	4	Laurens, Newberry	803-734-3886	x		x				x	x	x		
Bonneau Ferry*	10,712	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Botany Bay Plantation	4,687	10	Charleston	843-869-2713	x				x	x	x	x	x		
Canal	2,491	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387				x		x					
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	8	Horry	843-546-3226	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	x
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve*	233	3	Aiken, Barnwell	803-734-3886	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	x
Draper*, McConnells*, Ross*	1,360	5	York	864-427-5140	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	730	9, 10	Charleston	843-546-3226	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	259,410	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	x
Hatchery	2,400	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	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	x
Keowee	4,930	1, 2	Pickens, Oconee	864-654-1671	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	10,097	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Liberty Hill	7,718	4	Kershaw Lancaster	803-432-6616	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
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	7	Lee	803-419-9374	x		x			x	x	x			
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve*	291	7	Lee	803-419-9374							x	x			
Manchester State Forest	23,135	7	Sumter	803-494-8196	x	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	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,199	6	Chesterfield	843-661-4766	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x
McCalla	5,667	2	Abbeville	864-223-2731	x	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	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
Old Island Heritage Preserve*	400	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x										

Open dates for each season are listed in the Hunt Seasons section beginning on page 78 of this book.

Note: * indicates an SCDNR Property.

	DEER	HOGS	BEAR	TURKEY	DOVE	WATERFOWL	QUAIL	SQUIRREL	RABBIT	RACCOON	FOX
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	ACREAGE	MAP #	COUNTY	TELEPHONE	HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE						
Palachucola*	6,757	10	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	4, 5	Fairfield, Newberry	803-609-6992	x				x		x x
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	8	Florence	843-661-4766	x	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		
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 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 x
Santee-Delta*	1,899	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x			x		
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	10,302	10	Beaufort	843-844-8822	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		
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,113	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x		x		x x	x x	x x x
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	6,691	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x	x	x	x x	x x	x x
Wateree River Heritage Preserve	3,677	7	Richland	803-734-3886	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 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 x
Worth Mountain	1,643	5	York	864-427-5140	x		x	x	x x	x x	x x x

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.

US Forest Service.....	632,177	Springland, Inc	1,856
SC Department of Natural Resources	232,730	Duke Energy Progress	1,036
SC Forestry Commission	90,296	SC Conf. Bd. Of Camps & Retreats	1,249
SC Public Service Authority (Santee)	25,127	Duke Energy Carolinas	7,443
Clemson University	11,265	York County	1,643
Department of Energy	10,470	Jordan Properties	2,483
American Forest Management	17,440	Duke Power (ROWs)	1,200
SCPRT	7,571	Thomas Heirs LLC	594
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.)	6,506	TNC - Ninetimes	560
SC Electric & Gas Company	5,187	Lavinia B. George Estate	944
Timber-Lands L.P.	2,002	City of Walhalla	439
Plum Creek.....	4,887	City of Clinton	276
Teredo Timber	1,376	Brown Family Partnership	120
TIAA Timberlands II (Hancock Forest Mgmt.)	4,682	Commission of Public Works (Greer)	100
American Timberland II (RMK)	2,827	William & Joab Lesesne	92
Georgia Power Company	2,814	Vandiviere Properties LLC	655
Wells Fargo Bank (Brown Trust)	3,252	John and Irene Blackmon	1,587
SC Dept. of Commerce	1,675	Blue Heron Timber LLC	594
SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee)	2,755	Naturaland Trust	2,253
Corps of Engineers (Canal)	2,465	The Cons. Fund	1,946
Knightwood (Hancock Forest Mgmt.)	476	Dorothy Beaty	557
TOTAL ACRES			1,095,607



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 specifically 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 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 July, 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 website at www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts). A hunter's privilege to participate in a Wildlife Management Area lottery hunt may be revoked for the remainder of the hunt for any violation of law or WMA regulations (SC 50-11-2240).

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.
- Except as provided in these regulations, no person may hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.
- Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowners nor 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.
- Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.
- No person may 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.
- No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.
- 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.
- On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands and temporary climbing devices is prohibited if the tree stand or temporary device is constructed by driving nails, screws or other devices into the tree; or the tree stand or temporary climbing device is constructed by wrapping wire around the tree. Other tree stands and temporary 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.
- 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.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special hunts on any day during the regular hunting season.
- No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department.
- 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.
- On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, only still hunting is allowed. The limit is two deer total to include no more than one antlerless deer.
- 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.
- On WMA lands, hunting armadillos and coyotes at night is prohibited. Armadillos and coyotes may be hunted during any open season for game during daylight hours with no bag limit. Weapon(s) used to hunt armadillos and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on WMA.
- On WMA lands during special designated hunts, a WMA may be closed to other public access.
- Still hunting for hogs is permitted on WMAs during any open season for game during daylight hours with only the weapons allowed during the hunting season in progress unless otherwise prohibited. No hog may be transported alive from a WMA. Hogs may not be hunted at night. There is no bag limit on hogs. Hunters must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange while hog hunting. Buckshot is prohibited. During hog hunts with dogs, no still or stalk hunting is allowed and only handguns are permitted. No hog hunting with dogs is allowed except during specified designated seasons.
- Unless otherwise specified, small game hunting seasons and bag limits are the same as Game Zone seasons and bag limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.
- Weapons**
 - On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow or handgun 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, drugged arrows or arrows with exploding tips 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. (Falconry Allowed).

3.3 – On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use armory-piercing, tracer, incendiary, or full metal bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Shotguns with only buckshot or slugs are allowed. Buckshot is prohibited during still gun hunts for deer on WMA lands in Game Zones 3-4.

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 muzzleloader 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.

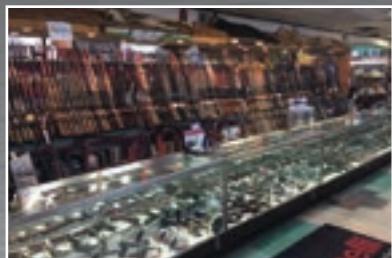
4.2 – Unless otherwise specified by the Department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Antlered bucks must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline 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.

4.3 – On WMA lands, man drives for deer are permitted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the Department for taking deer of either sex except on WMA lands in Game Zones 1 and 2, man drives will be permitted on the last two (2) 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. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons.

4.4 – Deer either-sex days for still gun hunts on WMAs are as follows:

- **Game Zone 1:** The last three Sat. in Nov.
- **Game Zones 2-4:** The first three Sat. in Oct., the last three Sat. in Nov., the Sat. after Christmas, and Jan. 1.
- **In all Game Zones,** hunters using archery equipment may take either-sex during all archery only and primitive weapon seasons for deer without being required to tag the animal. Game Zone WMA limits apply.
- **On special mobility impaired and youth deer hunts** sanctioned by the Department and during the statewide youth deer hunt day, participants may take two deer total, to include no more than one antlerless deer.



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4.5 – For all WMAs combined statewide, the limit for all seasons and methods combined is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer limit is one deer per day, unless otherwise specified. Buck only, except either-sex on Game Zone either-sex days.

4.6 – Individual Antlerless Deer Tags: Tags are valid in Game Zones 1 and 2 beginning Oct. 1 and in Game Zones 3-4 beginning Sept. 15. For all WMAs combined a maximum of two (2) individual antlerless deer tags may be used during primitive weapons or gun deer seasons in all Game Zones, except only one individual antlerless deer tag may be used in Game Zone 1.

4.7 – Except on either-sex days, antlerless deer must be tagged immediately after harvest and before being moved from the point of kill and the tag must be validated as prescribed by the SCDNR.

4.8 – For WMAs designated as Quality Deer Management Areas, all antlered bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread except during designated special youth hunts. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull.

4.9 – On WMA lands, deer, hogs, or bear may not be hunted with a firearm within 300 yards of a residence.

Dogs

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

5.2 – Dogs may be trained for squirrel, quail and rabbit hunting from Sept. 1 through Sept. 14 (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 – Unless otherwise specified, deer hunting with dogs on WMA lands is prohibited. The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA lands 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 unless permitted by the department.

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 – A person may not obstruct, or cause to be obstructed 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 (including crows) are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

50-11-365 – All users except hunters for dove, ducks, geese, and other migratory birds including crows must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange during any deer hunting season.

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 & 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 website at <http://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.

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 portable blinds which are removed at the conclusion of the hunt or temporary blinds of native vegetation may be used. Temporary blinds once vacated may be used by other hunters.

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 Bordeaux Work Center Area is closed to hunting except for special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

10.7 – Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area and the impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access from Nov. 1 - Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.8 – Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 - Feb. 8, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.9 – 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. 31 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.

10.10 – 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. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from Secondary Road 260.

10.11 – On Hatchery WMA, hunters must leave the area by 1 PM except on the last Sat. of waterfowl season when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to 25 Federally-approved nontoxic shot shells per hunt. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 - Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.12 – On Crackerneck WMA waterfowl may be hunted only on Friday, Saturday

and Thanksgiving Day within the regular migratory bird seasons and no hunting on Dec. 25; Fan'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.

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

10.14 – Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Lake Blalock, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River HP Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River HP, 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.

10.15 – 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.

10.16 – 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.

10.17 – 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.

10.18 – On all state-owned, US Forest Service and other federally-owned Category I and II Waterfowl Management Areas, each hunter is limited to 25 Federally-approved non-toxic shells per hunt.

10.19 – On Enoree River, Lake Blalock, 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. Hunters may not enter the areas prior to 5:00 AM on hunt days.

10.20 – 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 & 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.

Regulations for hunting near a Duke Energy right of way

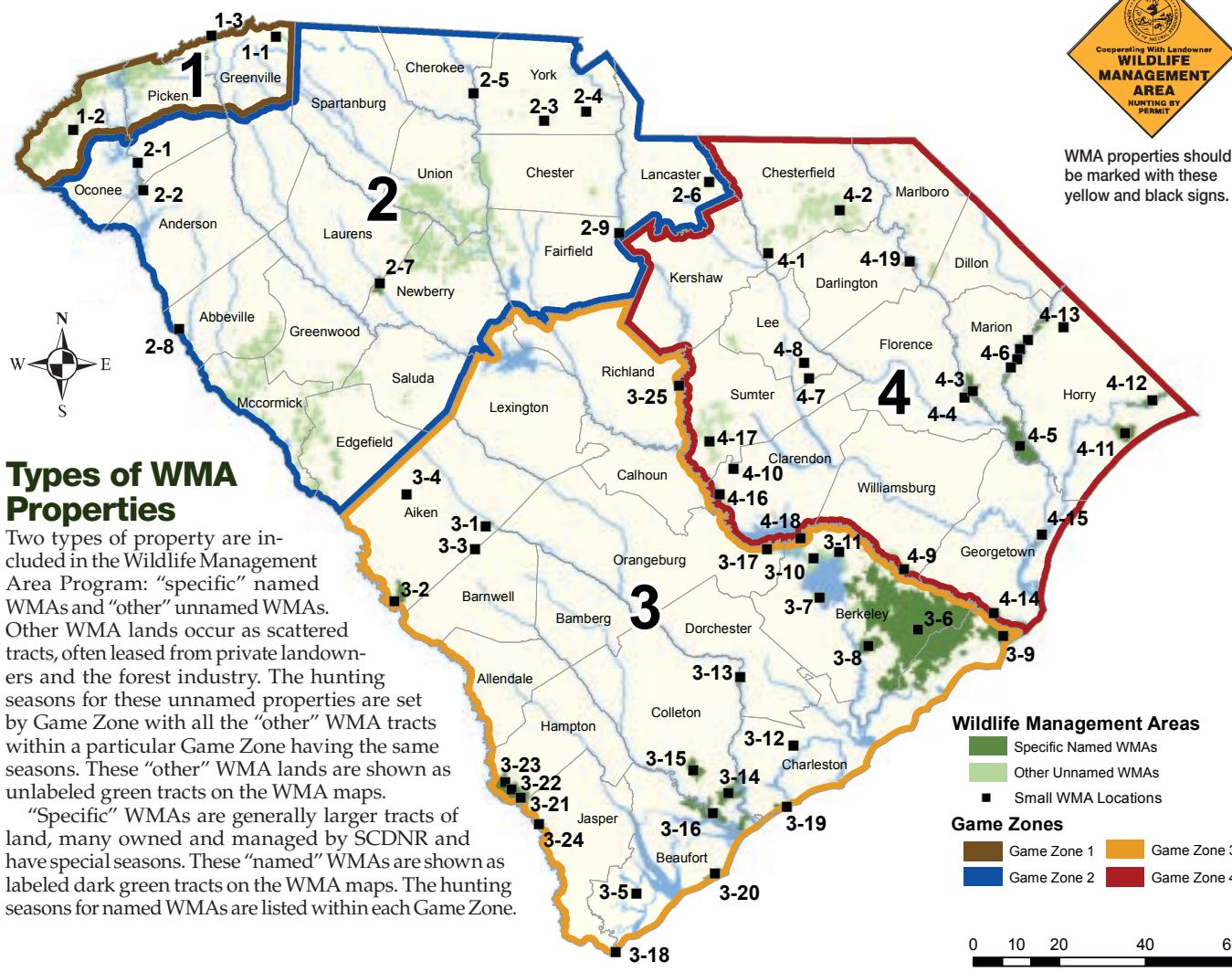
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS



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	2-5 Worth Mountain
2-2 Fant's Grove	2-6 Forty Acre Rock HP
2-3 Draper	2-7 Belfast
2-4 Rock Hill Blackjacks HP	2-8 McCalla
	2-9 Liberty Hill

Game Zone 3 Named WMAs

3-1 Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP	3-9 Santee Coastal Reserve	3-18 Turtle Island
3-2 Crackerneck	3-10 Moultrie	3-19 Botany Bay Plantation HP
3-3 Ditch Pond HP	3-11 Canal	3-20 Old Island HP
3-4 Henderson HP	3-12 Dungannon HP	3-21 Palachucola
3-5 Victoria Bluff HP	3-13 Edisto River WMA	3-22 Webb
3-6 Francis Marion NF	3-14 Bear Island	3-23 Hamilton Ridge
3-7 Hatchery	3-15 Donnelley	3-24 Tillman Sand Ridge HP
3-8 Bonneau Ferry	3-16 St. Helena Sound HP	3-25 Wateree River HP
	3-17 Santee Cooper	

Game Zone 4 Named WMAs

4-1 McBee	4-7 Longleaf Pine HP	4-14 Santee Delta
4-2 Sand Hills State Forest	4-8 Lynchburg Savanna HP	4-15 Samworth
4-3 Marsh	4-9 Wee Tee	4-16 Hickory Top
4-4 Pee Dee Station Site	4-10 Oak Lea	4-17 Manchester State Forest
4-5 Woodbury	4-11 Lewis Ocean Bay HP	4-18 Santee Dam
4-6 Little Pee Dee River HP	4-12 Waccamaw River HP	4-19 Great Pee Dee HP
	4-13 Cartwheel Bay HP	

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 70.

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



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WMA MANAGEMENT AREAS

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.
- Only 1 individual antlerless deer tag may be used in Game Zone 1.
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer archery only and primitive weapons seasons without having to tag the animal.
- Statewide WMA limit for deer is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer limit is one deer per day, unless otherwise specified. Buck only, except either-sex on Game Zone either-sex days.
- 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.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 starting Oct. 1. For all WMAs combined in Game Zones 1, only 1 individual antlerless deer tag may be used during primitive weapons or gun seasons. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons.

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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

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
DEER – OTHER WMAs (INCLUDING US FOREST SERVICE LANDS IN WMA)		
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 2 (see pages 91-92 for WMAs)	2 deer total, 1 antlerless
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 1-10 • Archery either-sex • Muzzleloader buck only	
Archery only	Oct. 17-30 either-sex • No muzzleloader hunting	
Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-16, Oct. 31-Jan. 1 buck only except on Nov. 14, 21, 28 either-sex • No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day.	Statewide WMA Limits

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
BEAR		
Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Oct. 17-23 • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less	1 bear
Party Dog Hunts	Oct. 24-30 • 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 at www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.	5 bears per party
HOG		
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-Jan. 9, Mar. 21-28, Refer to reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit
SMALL GAME – OTHER WMAs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to chart on page 66 • 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. 		

NAMED WMAs

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.

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-Jan. 1 Archery either-sex	Statewide WMA limits
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Long Creek Tract (Forest Service) Oconee County

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

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.

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.
- Statewide WMA limit for deer is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer limit is one deer per day, unless otherwise specified. Buck only, except either-sex on Game Zone either-sex days.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA lands in Game Zone 2 starting Oct. 1. For all WMAs combined in Game Zones 2-4, a maximum of 2 individual antlerless deer tags may be used during primitive weapons or gun seasons. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs.
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer archery only and primitive weapons seasons without having to tag the animal.

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2762 Wildlife Lane West Columbia, SC 29172, 803-755-1822

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
DEER – OTHER WMAs (INCLUDING US FOREST SERVICE LANDS IN WMA)		
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 2 (see pages 91-92 for WMAs)	2 deer total, 1 either-sex
Archery only	Sept. 15-30 either-sex	
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 1-10 muzzleloader buck only, archery either sex	
	Oct. 3, 10 either-sex, muzzleloader	Statewide WMA Limits
Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1, buck only	
	Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28 Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex	
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-9, Mar. 21-28, Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit

SMALL GAME – OTHER WMAS

- Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.
- 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.

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
NAMED WMAs		
Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry counties		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	
Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 except no small game hunting on Jan. 2 • No fox squirrel hunting	WMA bag limits. Refer to chart on page 66.
Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield County		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Feb. 8-Mar. 1	Game Zone 2 limits
Draper WMA York County		
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game		
Dove	Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.	
Quail	Dec. 5, 12, 16, 23 Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13 sunrise until 30 min. before official sunset	Game Zone 2 Limits
Rabbit	Jan. 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Feb. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27	Game Zone 2 Limits
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 Squirrel Hunting. 	
Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties		
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex	
	Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side or minimum 12 inch antler spread.	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMA seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 22) and Special Youth hunts (Oct. 3). No hog hunting with dogs. Dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields. Raccoon and Opossum hunting allowed at night. Waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season. Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66. 	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties		
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMA seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 15-Dec. 22 and No hog hunting with dogs. Raccoon and Opossum hunting allowed at night. Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shotguns only north of Highway 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell and west of Highway 291. All other areas archery only. 		
Liberty Hill WMA		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 1-10 buck only, Oct. 3, 10 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game (includes raccoon and opossum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMA seasons and limits. Refer to chart on page 66. No fox squirrel hunting. 	Statewide WMA Limits
McCalla WMA Abbeville County		
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	WMA seasons and limits. Refer to chart on page 66.	
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-9, Mar. 21-28, Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit
Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York County		
Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Small game hunting is not allowed.	
Worth Mountain WMA York County		
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Zone 2 seasons and limits. Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.	
40 Acre Rock HP WMA Lancaster County		
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	WMA seasons and limits. Refer to chart on page 66.	

Game Zone 3 WMAs Only

- Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Lexington, Orangeburg & Richland counties.
- Statewide WMA limit for deer is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer limit is one deer per day, unless otherwise specified. Buck only, except either-sex on Game Zone either-sex days.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA lands in Game Zone 3 starting September 15. For all WMAs combined in Game Zone 2-4, a maximum of 2 individual antlerless deer tags may be used during primitive weapons or gun deer seasons. Tags not valid on deer hunts with dogs.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs.

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AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	OTHER WMAs
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 2 (see pages 91-92 for WMAs)		2 deer total, 1 antlerless
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either-sex		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only except on Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1, either-sex		Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.		

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Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30, either-sex	
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Jan. 1 buck only except on Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No buckshot or dogs allowed. All reptiles and amphibians are protected. 	
Bear Island WMA Colleton County		
Deer	Quality Deer Management Area	
Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen, and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.		
Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.		
All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island check station		
Hunting in designated areas only.		
Campground closes Nov. 2		
Archery	Oct. 1-10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Gun Hunts (rifles only)	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	
Hog Hunts (with Dogs)	Mar. 3-5 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72 Gate opens at 5:00 AM	No Limit
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Feb. 8 – Mar. 1 No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	

Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County

- Adult/Youth side B 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.
- Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen, and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.
- Hunted areas are closed to general public access during scheduled deer, turkey and waterfowl hunts.
- All deer must be checked at the main entrance.
- Hunting access by boat is prohibited.
- Hunters may not enter WMA before 5:00 AM.

Deer Archery (Side A)	Sept. 15-30 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Still Gun Hunts (Side A)	No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing. Oct. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31, Nov. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21	
Deer Still Gun Hunts: Adult/Youth Only (Side B)	Sept. 16-Nov. 21, Dec. 2-19 (Wed., Fri., Sat. only) and Nov. 23-28, Dec. 21-Jan. 1 either-sex	
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum) (Sides A & B)	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel or fox hunting.	Game Zone 3 Limits

Botany Bay Plantation HP WMA Charleston County

- Quality Deer Management Area
- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- 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.

Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, Nov. 23-28, Dec. 21-26 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	
Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Jan. 2-Feb. 27 (Wed. thru Sat. only) • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits

Canal WMA Berkeley County

Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..	
Quail Only	See WMA Seasons in chart on page 66.	Game Zone 3 Limits

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
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.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 2-3 either-sex	2 deer total No more than 1 buck
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 9-10 either-sex	2 deer total, no more than 1 buck

Deer Gun Hunts

- Gun hunts on Fri., Sat. & Thanksgiving Day only during this period. Oct. 16-Jan 1 buck only, Closed Dec. 25.
Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, Dec. 4-5, either sex 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks.
- 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 Party Hunts (with dogs)	Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72. Handguns only.	No Limit
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Small Game except raccoon and opossum

- Fri., Sat. & Thanksgiving Day ONLY during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except no hunting before Oct. 16 or after Feb. 27. Game Zone 3 limits closed Dec. 25.
- 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. 17-Dec. 26 Sat. nights only;
Jan. 1-Feb. 27 Fri. & Sat. nights only
- Raccoons - 3 per party per night. Opossum no limit.
- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
 - Hunt hours are as follows: Sat. -1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 AM. Fri. -1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.

Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County		
Deer Archery Only	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits

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AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Donnelley WMA Colleton County					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen, and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA. Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread. 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. All hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. 				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.			Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only	
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 3-5 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72. Gate opens at 5:00 AM	No Limit		Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.	
Dove	Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug.			Nov. 7, Dec. 5 buck only No still hunting and no rifles.	
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 Gates will open at 6:00 am. • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits	Youth Only Dog Hunt	Nov. 21 either-sex	
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.		Northampton WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston County					
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Jan.30 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits	Deer Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex. (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts).	
Edisto River WMA Dorchester County			Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 26, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 27, Dec. 29 buck only Dec. 12 either-sex. All deer must be checked at P&C Grocery, Awendaw Check Station, Honey Hill Lookout Tower, Kangaroo in Jamestown, or Alvin One Stop on Dec.12 only.	
Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Youth Only Dog Hunt	Nov. 28 either-sex	
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex		Santee WMA Francis Marion National Forest		
Raccoon & Opossum	Refer to chart on page 66	Game Zone 3 Limits	Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Other Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits	Deer Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 12- Jan. 1 buck only Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex. (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)	
Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston Counties			Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Dec. 12 either-sex Sept. 11-12, Oct. 21-22, Dec. 4 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. 12.	
	Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts.		Youth Only Dog Hunt	Oct. 17 either-sex	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. All deer harvested must be checked in. See WMA map #9 for a list of check stations. 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. 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. 				
Hog Hunts with dogs: Francis Marion National Forest					
All Hunt Units	Mar. 21-26, May 16-21 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit	Still hog hunts no dogs: Francis Marion National Forest		
All Hunt Units	Mar. 7-12, Refer to reg. 2.16 on page 72. No Buckshot.	No Limit			

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Wambaw WMA Francis Marion National Forest					
Seewee Special Use Area (no dogs)	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex		Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 23-28, Dec. 15-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Archery Only Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex		Hatchery WMA Berkeley County	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	
	Oct. 12- Jan. 1 buck only			Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Jan. 1 either-sex (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.) Rifles only east of HWY 17	Statewide WMA Limits	Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County		
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 25, Oct. 10, Nov. 18-19, Dec. 26-28 buck only Dec. 12 either-sex • Still gun hunts only east of HWY 17. Rifles allowed. No buckshot. • 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. 12	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Archery Only	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Oct. 24 either-sex			• No Small Game Hunting	
Waterhorn WMA Francis Marion National Forest					
Deer Archery Only	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex		Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County	• No hunting or shooting within 50 feet of the center of any road during gun hunts for deer except for SCNR draw youth hunts.	
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 12-20 buck only			• All deer harvested must be checked in. See WMA map #9 for a list of check stations.	
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 17 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Bluefield WMA: Adult/Youth area only Moultrie Hunt Unit		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 26 (Fridays and Saturdays only) buck only except on Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26 either-sex			• 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: Francis Marion Hunt Unit					
• Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.				Sept. 16-Dec. 30 buck only (Wed. & Sat. only)	
• Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only.				Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26 either-sex	
• Closed during scheduled deer hunting periods on Waterhorn and when dogs are used for deer on Wambaw, Northampton, Hellhole and Santee WMAs.				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.	Statewide WMA Limits
• No fox or coyote hunting with dogs on the Francis Marion NF.					
Hamilton Ridge WMA Hampton County					
• Quality Deer Management Area			Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	See chart on page 66 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 3 Limits
• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.					
• Stand placement allowed 1 day prior to hunts.			Greenfield WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit		
• Data cards/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving Hamilton Ridge WMA.			Deer Still Gun Hunts	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 buck only Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 27, Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
• No ATVs allowed on area.			Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
• Hunters may camp at designated camp ground one day prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts.			North Dike WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Gun Hunts	Sept. 15-Oct. 15 buck only except on Oct. 3, 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.		Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Jan. 2-Mar.1	Game Zone 3 Limits
Hog Hunts (with Dogs)	Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14 See Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit		• Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 2-28	
Quail	Jan. 13, 16, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 6, 17, 20. Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset	Game Zone 3 Limits	Porcher & Hall WMA except Cross Station Special Use Area Moultrie Hunt		
			Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
			Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 shotguns only • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 3 Limits

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AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Old Island HP WMA Beaufort County		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area. Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. Data cards/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving Palachucola WMA. All deer must be checked at check station. No ATVs allowed. Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only. 		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Hunt Drawings on page 72.	
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14 See Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit
Quail	Jan. 13, 16, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 6, 17, 20 • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset	Game Zone 3 Limits
Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 23-28, Dec. 15-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Santee Coastal WMA Charleston County		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting is allowed on the mainland only. 	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar.1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg County		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area Bucks must have minimum 4 points on one side, or a minimum 12 inch antler spread. Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts. Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen, and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA. 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	Sept. 15-Oct. 31, either-sex	
Deer Primitive Weapons	Nov. 2-23 Nov. 14, 21, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August	
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
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.	

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big, Otter & South Williman Islands		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper County		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All deer must be checked at check station. All reptiles and amphibians are protected. Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen, and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA. 	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Turtle Island WMA Jasper County		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Deer hunting is closed. 	
Wateree River HP WMA		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data cards/use cards are required for all WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA. Quality Deer Management Area Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. 	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 15 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	
Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Statewide Bag Limits
Webb WMA Hampton County		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data/use cards are required for hunters, fishermen and all other WMA users. Completed cards must be returned daily upon leaving Webb WMA. 	
Deer Hunts	Still hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.	
Hog Hunts (with dogs)	Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14 See WMA Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit
Dove	Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits published in Public Dove Field list available in Aug..	
Quail	Jan. 13, 16, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 6, 17, 20 Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset	Game Zone 3 Limits
Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 23-28, Dec. 15-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 3 Limits
Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort County		
	All deer must be checked at check station.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting • Shotguns only	Game Zone 3 Limits

Game Zone 4 WMAs Only

- Clarendon, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter and Williamsburg counties
- Statewide WMA limit for deer is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. Antlerless deer limit is one deer per day, unless otherwise specified. Buck only, except either-sex on Game Zone either-sex days.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA lands in Game Zone 4 starting September 15. For all WMAs combined in Game Zone 2-4, a maximum of 2 individual antlerless deer tags may be used during primitive weapon or gun deer seasons.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs.

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AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
DEER - OTHER WMAS		
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 2 (see pages 91-92 for WMAs)	2 deer total, 1 antlerless
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, either-sex	
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1, buck only except on Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.	

NAMED WMAs

Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County

Bear	Oct 24-Nov. 5	1 bear
• Drawing only (see page 62) Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties only.		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 23, Nov. 6-Jan. 1 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 limits

Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington County

• 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.
Deer Archery Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex
Deer Gun Hunts Nov. 2-30, buck only Nov. 14, 21, 28, either-sex
Special Still Gun Hog Hunt Mar. 7-12 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.
Hog Hunts with Dogs Mar. 21-26, May 16-21 • Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.
Raccoons and Opossum Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.
Other Small Game Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
Hickory Top WMA Clarendon County		

- 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.
- 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.

Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer	Nov. 2-Jan. 1, buck only	
Primitive Weapons	Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1, either sex	
Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 • Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)		Game Zone 4 bag limits

Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County

- Deer hunters must sign in and out daily and record harvest at the kiosk.
 - Horseback riding is prohibited during all hunts.
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| Bear | Oct 24-Nov. 5 | 1 bear |
| • Drawing only (see page 62) Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties only. | | |

Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer	Oct. 12-20, buck only	
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 17, either-sex	
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 6-Jan. 1 buck only Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex	
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)		Game Zone 4 limits

Liberty Hill WMA

- Quality deer management area
- Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread.

Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either sex	Statewide WMA Limits
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 1-10 buck only, Oct. 3, 10 either sex	
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either sex	
Small Game (includes raccoon and opossum)	WMA seasons and limits. Refer to chart on page 66. • No fox squirrel hunting.	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS
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.			Small Game (includes raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	Game Zone 4 Bag Limits
Bear	Oct 24-Nov. 5	1 bear	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.	
• Drawing only (see page 62) Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties only.					
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	1 deer per day			
Deer Primitive Weapons	Oct. 12-20, buck only Oct. 17, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 6-Jan. 1 buck only Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex				
Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 7-12 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit			
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit			
Raccoon and Opossum	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.	Game Zone 4 Limits			
Other Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.				
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County					
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, Either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Deer Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1, buck only Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Small Game (includes raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar.1 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 Limits			
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County					
Small game only — no deer hunting					
Small Game	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66. • No fox squirrel hunting.				
Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter County					
• Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 72.					
• 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.					
• 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. 21-26 either-sex				
Deer Primitive Weapons	Sept. 28-Oct. 3 buck only				
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 5-10, 12-17, 20-23, 27-30, Nov. 3-6, 10-14, 17-20, 23-28, Dec. 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, 21-26 buck only Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 14, 28, Dec. 26, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72				
McBee WMA Chesterfield County					
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex				
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Nov. 21 buck only Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Quail	Hunts by drawing only. See page 72.				
Other Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits except no hunting before Jan. 15 or after Mar. 1. • No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 4 Limits			
Oak Lea WMA Clarendon County					
• Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Oak Lea WMA.					
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-30 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits			
Deer Still Gun Hunts	Hunters selected by drawing *Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10. 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.	20 per hunt - party, either-sex			
Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Small game (except quail) Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 except no small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts. • No fox squirrel hunting.				
Quail Hunts	Dec. 2, 9, Jan. 2, 16, 30, Feb. 6 Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.	12 per day			
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in Aug..				

AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	AREA/ METHODS	SEASONS	LIMITS	
Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence County						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors must sign in and out at kiosk. 						
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	
Deer Primitive Weapons	Nov. 2-30, buck only		Deer	Oct. 12-20, buck only		
Small Game	Nov. 14, 21, 28, either-sex		Primitive Weapons	Oct. 17, either-sex		
Samworth WMA Georgetown County			Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 6-Jan. 1 buck only		
Deer Archery (impoundments only)	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex		
Hog Hunts with Dogs (impoundments only)	Mar. 14-19 • Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit	Small Game (including raccoon and opossum)	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 limits	
Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield County						
<p>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.</p>						
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10, either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 7-12 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit	
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only		Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit	
Small Game	Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1, either-sex • No man drives allowed.		Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown Counties			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66. 			Bear	Oct 24-Nov. 5	1 bear	
Santee Dam WMA Clarendon County			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing only (see page 62) Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties only. 			
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	
Deer Primitive Weapons	Nov. 2-Jan.1, buck only		Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 12-Jan. 1 buck only		
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.		Special Hog Still Gun Hunt	Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan.1 either-sex		
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug.		Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 7-12, Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No Limit	
Small Game	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 Limits	Raccoon and Opossum	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.	Game Zone 4 Limits	
Santee Delta WMA Georgetown County			Other Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1 • No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 limits	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	Woodbury WMA Marion County			
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 14-19 • Refer to Reg. 2.16 on page 72.	No limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk. No ATV's allowed. 			
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County			Deer Archery	Sept 15-Oct. 10 either-sex	Statewide WMA Limits	
Bear	Oct 24-Nov. 5	1 bear	Deer	Oct. 12-20, buck only		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing only (see page 62) Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties only. 			Primitive Weapons	Oct. 17, either-sex		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 21-Jan. 1 buck only		Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex		
Special Hog Still Gun Hunts	Mar. 7-12, Refer to Reg. 2.16 on pg. 72.		Special Hog Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 21-Jan. 1 buck only		
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 21-26 May 16-21 Refer to Reg. 2.16 on pg. 72. • Handguns only		Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 either-sex		
Small Game			Small Game			
Raccoons & Opossums	Refer to WMA seasons in chart on page 66.	Game Zone 4 Bag Limit	Raccoons & Opossums			
Other Small Game	Nov. 26-Mar. 1	Game Zone 4 Bag Limit	Other Small Game			

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DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

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AREA	OPEN DATES INCLUSIVE	AREA	OPEN DATES INCLUSIVE
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Lancaster Reservoir (Lancaster County)	Mon. and Fri. AM only during the regular season.
Bear Island (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.	Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Beaverdam (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.	Marsh (Marion County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Monticello Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Broad River (Fairfield County)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Moultrie (Berkeley County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.
Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA) (Georgetown County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Parr Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Counties)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.	Potato Creek Hatchery (Clarendon County)	Wed. and Sat. only during the regular season.
Donnelley (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Russell Creek (McCormick County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season. (No entry before 5:00 AM)
Dunaway (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season. (No entry before 5:00 AM)	Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island) (Colleton County)	Thurs. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Duncan Creek (Laurens County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season. (No entry before 5:00 AM)	Samworth (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Dungannon (Charleston County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season. No hunting from boardwalk.	Sandy Beach (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Enoree River (Newberry County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season. (No entry before 5:00 AM)	Santee Coastal Res. (Charleston/Georgetown Counties)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Clemson (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Santee Cooper (Orangeburg County)	Sat. AM only during regular season.
Hatchery (Berkeley County)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.	Santee-Delta (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Hickory Top (Clarendon County)	Federal waterfowl seasons.	Tibwin (Charleston County)	Special hunts by drawing.
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon County)	Sat. AM until 11:00 AM only during the regular season. No shooting on roads or dikes.	Turtle Island (Jasper County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Lake Blalock (Spartanburg County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.	Tyger River (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season. (No entry before 5:00 AM)
Lake Cunningham (Greenville County)	Wed. 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.
Wateree River HP (Richland County)	Hunters selected by drawing.	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.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

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). On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season on each WMA. A hunting license and a WMA 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 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 still or stalk hunting and only handguns permitted.



GAME ZN	AREA	COUNTY	SPECIAL STILL HUNTING	SPECIAL HUNTS WITH DOGS
1	WMAs ~ Greenville, Oconee, Pickens (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens North of Game Zone 2 line)			Jan. 2-9, Mar. 21-28
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 & Fants Grove WMAs			Jan. 2-9, Mar. 21-28
3	Bear Island	Colleton		Mar. 3-5
	Crackerneck	Aiken		Jan. 8 - Feb. 26 (Fri. only)
	Donnelley	Colleton		Mar. 3-5
	Francis Marion Nat. Forest—All WMAs	Berkeley	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 21-26, May 16-21
	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton		Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14
	Palachucola	Hampton, Jasper		Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14
	Santee Coastal Reserve	Charleston, Georgetown		Mar. 14-19
	Webb	Hampton		Aug. 27-29, Mar. 3-5, May 12-14
	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	
4	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 21-26, May 16-21
	Hickory Top	Clarendon		Mar. 14-19
	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 14-19
	Manchester SF	Sumter		Mar. 14-19
	Marsh	Marion	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 21-26, May 16-21
	Samworth	Georgetown		Mar. 14-19
	Santee Dam	Clarendon		Mar. 14-19
	Santee-Delta	Georgetown		Mar. 14-19
	Waccamaw River	Horry	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 14-19
	Wee Tee	Williamsburg, Georgetown	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 14-19
	Woodbury	Marion	Mar. 7-12	Mar. 21-26, May 16-21

HUNTING

SPECIAL SCDNR HUNTS

SPECIAL SCDNR HUNTS YOUTH AGE 17 & YOUNGER

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO.
TURKEY		
Mar. 12-13, 2016	Private Lands Statewide; Turkey tags required.	
RACCOON		
Sept. 12	Private Lands Only	
SQUIRREL		
Sept. 26	Private Lands Only	
QUAIL		
Nov. 21	Private Lands Only	
RABBIT		
Mar. 5, 2016	Private Lands Only	
DEER		
Jan. 2, 2016	Private Lands Statewide	
Limit 2 deer total one antlerless; no tags required	All WMAs normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fant's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery, Webb, Bonneau Ferry, Hamilton Ridge and Botany Bay Plantation.	

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO.
YOUTH DOVE		
Sept. 5	Abbeville Co. USFS Power of Partnerships	For information call 864-223-2731.
Sept. 5	Union Co. USFS Herbert Dove Field	For information call 864-427-5140.
Sept. 5	Newberry Co. SCDOT	For information call 803-734-3886.
Sept. 5	Draper WMA York Co.	For information call 803-427-5140.
	Sumter Co.	
Sept. 5	Manchester State Forest Bland Field 1	For information call 803-734-3886.
Sept. 5	Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg Co.	For information call 803-734-3886.
Selected Days	Botany Bay Plantation WMA	For information call Region 4 SCDNR 843-844-8957 or 843-869-2713.
Selected Days	Bonneau Ferry WMA	For information call 843-825-3387

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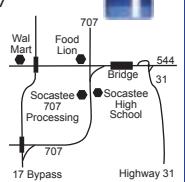
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Genesis 27:3





SPECIAL SCDNR HUNTS (CONT.)

SPECIAL SCDNR HUNTS YOUTH AGE 17 & YOUNGER (CONTINUED)

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO.	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO.			
YOUTH ONLY DEER DRAW HUNT								
Selected Day in November	Poinsett Gunnery Range Sumter Co.	Applications available in Sept. Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR website.	Nov.	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.			
Selected Days: Oct.-Dec.	Upstate Private Areas (Cherokee, Laurens, Spartanburg, Union Counties)	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR website. Application due by Sept. 15.	Jan. 2016	Orangeburg Co.	For applications call Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898. Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.			
Oct. 3	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 19 or download application from SCDNR website.	Jan. 2016	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.			
Selected Days: Oct.-Nov.	Belfast WMA	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR website.	SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH RACCOON HUNTING CHAMPIONSHIP					
Selected Days: Oct.-Dec.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available late Aug. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3387 or 843-761-8820.	Feb. or Mar. 2016	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.			
Selected Days	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early Sept. Call US Forest Service at 843-336-3248.	Saturdays during WMA season	Santee Cooper, Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	WMA Turkey applications available in late Feb. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3886. Applications due in Mar.			
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 website.	DRAW YOUTH TURKEY					
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 website.	Sat. during season	Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry WMA, & Clemson WMA	Applications available in Oct. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3609.			
ADULT/YOUTH DEER, TURKEY, SMALL GAME								
See page 83	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 83 for restrictions, dates and limits. For more information, call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3387.	DEER					
See page 81	Bonneau Ferry Area B	See page 81 for restrictions, dates. For information, call Dennis Wildlife Center 843-825-3387.	Selected dates	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	US Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS 843-336-3248.			
ADULT/YOUTH DEER, SMALL GAME								
Oct.	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.	Oct. 23-24 Fri.-PM/Sat.-AM	Upstate Private Areas Cherokee, Spartanburg & Union counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140			
Nov.	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.	Oct. 30-31 Fri.-PM/Sat.-AM	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140			
YOUTH ONLY RACCOON								
Apr.	Tibwin	US Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS 843-336-3248.	TURKEY					
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.								

POINT & SUSPENSION SYSTEMS



Point & Suspension Systems for Natural Resource Violations

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 effect inland freshwater fishing privileges except for shad, herring, and sturgeon which are regulated by coastal laws inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line.

Each time a person is convicted of a violation listed in the point systems, the Depart-

ment 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.

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 withdraw 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.

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 \$1,085.00 and an additional one year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.
- Failure to pay fines and/or restitutions may result in suspension of privileges.

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 803-734-3876.

POINT & SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

**TABLE A
GAME & 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	14
10	Intentional trespassing to hunt, fish, or trap	18
11	Violating Wildlife Management Area regulations	8
12	Unlawful hunting, taking, possessing, or selling alligators	14
13	Killing or attempting to kill or molest deer from a motorboat	14
14	Night hunting deer or bear	18
15	Unlawful transportation of furs or hides and possession of untagged hides	10
16	Trapping quail or turkeys	10
17	Unlawful hunting over bait	8
18	Unlawful killing or possession of antlerless deer	14
19	Unlawful night hunting other game, except deer or bear, or hunting during prohibited or after hours	8
20	Unlawful possession of buckshot	5
21	Hunting migratory birds with an unplugged gun	4
22	Killing or possession of wild turkey during the closed season	18
23	Killing or possession of a hen turkey during the spring gobbler season	14
24	Roost shooting turkey between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise	18
25	Shooting turkey over bait (game taken)	18
26	Hunting turkey over bait (no game taken)	10
27	Trespassing to hunt waterfowl	18
28	Hunting waterfowl over bait	10
29	Shooting waterfowl over bait (game taken)	10
30	Hunting waterfowl out of season	15
31	Taking or possession of more than one waterfowl over the legal limit	15
32	Unlawful possession, taking, or attempting to take raccoons during the season for hunting without firearms	14
33	Trapping, netting, or seining game fish unlawfully	10
34	Taking game or fish in any illegal manner not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the point systems	8
35	Taking or possessing an undersized striped bass	14
36	Taking or possessing more than the legal limit of striped bass	14
37	Taking or possessing more than the legal creel or size limit of blue catfish.	14

NOTE: Some examples of Item 34 are:

- a. Taking waterfowl with lead shot.
- 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 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 34 is very broad and examples are given for clarification.

Item 34 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**

Saltwater points are assessed in two categories: Recreational and Commercial. Upon an accumulation of eighteen (18) or more points in a category, the privileges of that category will be suspended for one year. While under Recreational Suspension, a person found guilty of a commercial saltwater violation will have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year. While under Commercial Suspension, a person found guilty of a recreational violation will have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year.

#	VIOLATION	PT.
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 (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).	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 10
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 18 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.

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.

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 nonresidents 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 nonresident 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 nonresident 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 nonresident 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.

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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.



WILDLIFE COMPACT MAP



States That Are Not Members

Massachusetts
Nebraska
New Jersey

MEMBER STATES
■ Member
■ Passed Legislation
■ No

SCDNR EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Hunter Education

All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must complete a hunter education course approved by SCDNR before a hunting license can be obtained. SCDNR accepts hunter education certifications issued by other states in the United States and Canadian provinces. If you have a certification from another state, your certification meets the hunter education requirement in SC. If you have a question about your certification, please contact the Hunter Education Office at 1-800-277-4301. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

SCDNR offers two (2) 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 third party vendor (*Hunter-Ed.com*) who provides this online course charges \$19.50 to take the course. After completing the course by passing and paying the course fee, you may instantly print out your South Carolina Temporary Hunter Education Certificate, which is valid for 30 days. You should receive your permanent certificate by mail in 2-3 weeks.

Hunter-Ed offers daily (including weekend) live customer service via email or telephone with a toll-free number. Today's Hunter online course is the only approved internet course for South Carolina. www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html

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 two 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.

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



The bowhunter education program provides 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. Several times a year, SCDNR and Bowhunters of South Carolina conduct bowhunter education classes.

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.

The SCDNR also offers an online version of the course that is approved by the National Bowhunter Education Foundation. This course can be found at www.bowhunter-ed.com/southcarolina/

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 17 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 1-800-277-4301. For more information, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/education/tomo and facebook SCDNR Take ONE Make One.

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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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 outreach coordinator, 1st Sgt Ryan Bass, at 1-800-277-4301 or e-mailing him at BassR@dnr.sc.gov. For more information about archery, go to www.dnr.sc.gov/education/archery and facebook SC Archery in the Schools.

SC Scholastic Clay Target Sports

SCDNR Scholastic Clay Target Sports is a team-based youth development program that uses the shotgun sports of trap, skeet, and sporting clays to instill life skills such as discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and other life values. For more information on this program, please call 1-800-277-4301 or email 1st SGT Ryan Bass at BassR@dnr.sc.gov or www.dnr.sc.gov/education/SCTS

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.

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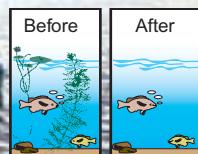
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GENERAL APPLICATIONS



2015 - 2016 Recreational Hunting and Fishing Tag Application

Mail to: SCDNR License Office • PO Box 11710 • Columbia, SC 29211-1710

(803)734-3833

Visit www.dnr.sc.gov for additional licenses and information.

M-F 8:30-4:50 PM ET

Applicant Information

Customer #	or	Social Security #	Gender	Race	Date of Birth
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Name (as it appears on your SC Driver's License or ID Card)

First	M Init	Last	Suffix (Sr, Jr, III, etc)
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Home

Street	City	State	Zip	SC County of Residence
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Mailing (only if different from Home address)

Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	Driver's License or ID#
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Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	State of Issue
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Resident	NonResident
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Hunting Tags	Qty	Fee	Qty	Fee
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Antlerless Deer Tags (max 4)	x \$5.00 =		x \$5.00 =	
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Bear Tag (Game Zone 1 only-max 1)	x \$25.00 =		x \$100.00 =	
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Turkey Tags (set of 3)	x \$0.00 =		x \$0.00 =	
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Nongame Fish Devices	Qty	Fee	Qty	Fee
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Commercial Freshwater Fishing License	x \$50.00 =		x \$1,000.00 =	
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Jug Permit (max 1)	x \$5.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Set Hook Permit (max 1)	x \$5.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Eel Pot Tag (reporting requirements apply)	x \$5.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Gill Net Tag (not for shad or herring)	x \$5.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Hoop Net Tag (commercial license required)	x \$10.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Trap Tag (recreational limit 2)	x \$5.00 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Trotline Tag (recreational limit 1)	x \$2.50 =		x \$50.00 =	
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Saltwater License/ Tags	Qty	Fee	Qty	Fee
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Shrimp Baiting License/Tags (max 1)	x \$25.00 =		x \$500.00 =	
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TOTAL DUE Make Check Payable to SCDNR				
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Hunter Education Certification				
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(HE) Hunter Education Certification is required for persons born after June 30, 1979 who apply for hunting privileges.

Hunter Education Number _____ State of Issue _____

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 _____ Amount of Check \$ _____
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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.

The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain SC hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code Annon **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.



Lifetime Recreational Hunting and Fishing License Application

Mail to: SC Wildlife Endowment Fund • PO Box 11710 • Columbia, SC 29211-1710 • (803)734-3833 M-F 8:30-4:50 PM ET
 Lifetime Licenses are only available to those that meet the definition of "Resident" for the purpose of obtaining South Carolina hunting and fishing licenses. Applicant must meet the residency requirement for at least 180 days immediately prior to the date of application.

Applicant Information

Customer #	or	Social Security #	Gender	Race	Date of Birth
C _____		_____ - _____ - _____	_____	_____	_____/_____/_____

Name (as it appears on your SC Driver's License or ID Card)

First _____ M Init _____ Last _____ Suffix (Sr, Jr, III, etc) _____

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(Enclose photocopy)

Phone Home Cell Work Phone Home Cell Work

Applicant Age	License Type	Fee
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Less than 2 Yrs (Enclose copy of birth certificate and Parent/Guardian SC Driver's License or ID Card)

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|--------------------------|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Combination License (Freshwater Fishing, State Hunting, Big Game) | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Saltwater Fishing License Add-On to Combination License | 120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Migratory Waterfowl Permit Add-On to Combination License | 66.00 |

2 Yrs but less than 16 Yrs (Enclose copy of birth certificate and Parent/Guardian SC Driver's License or ID Card)

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|--------------------------|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Combination License (Freshwater Fishing, State Hunting, Big Game) | 400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Saltwater Fishing License Add-On to Combination License | 160.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Migratory Waterfowl Permit Add-On to Combination License | 88.00 |

16 Yrs but less than 64 Yrs (Enclose copy of SC Driver's License or ID Card)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | State Hunting License (HE) | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Freshwater Fishing | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Saltwater Fishing License | 300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Combination License (Freshwater Fishing, State Hunting, Big Game) (HE) | 500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Saltwater Fishing License Add-On to Combination License | 200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Migratory Waterfowl Permit Add-On to Combination License | 110.00 |

64 Yrs or greater (Enclose copy of SC Driver's License or ID Card)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gratis Combination License (date of birth before July 1, 1940) | No Cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Combination License (date of birth July 1, 1940 or later) | 9.00 |
| Combination Privileges: Freshwater Fishing, Freshwater Set Hook, Saltwater Fishing | | |
| State Hunting, Big Game, WMA, Migratory Waterfowl | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Fishing License (date of birth July 1, 1940 or later) | 9.00 |
| Fishing Privileges: Freshwater Fishing, Freshwater Set Hook, Saltwater Fishing | | |

Hunter Education Certificate

(HE) Hunter Education Certification is required for persons born after June 30, 1979 who apply for hunting privileges.

Hunter Education Number _____ State of Issue _____

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 SC DNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.

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

Any personal information collected by SC DNR 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.

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GENERAL APPLICATIONS



Disability Recreational Hunting and Fishing License Application

Mail to: SCDNR License Office • PO Box 11710 • Columbia, SC 29211-1710 • (803)734-3833 M-F 8:30-4:50 PM ET

Disability Licenses are only available to those that meet the definition of "Resident" for the purpose of obtaining South Carolina hunting and fishing licenses. Applicant must meet the residency requirement for at least 365 days immediately prior to the date of application.

Applicant Information

Customer #	or	Social Security #	Gender	Race	Date of Birth		
C _____	—	— — — —	—	—	— / — / —		
Name (as it appears on your SC Driver's License or ID Card)							
First	M Init	Last	Suffix (Sr, Jr, III, etc)				
Home							
Street	City	State	Zip	SC County of Residence			
Mailing (only if different from Home address)							
Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	SC Driver's License or ID# <i>(Enclose photocopy)</i>			
Phone	Home	Cell	Work	Phone	Home	Cell	Work

License Types

- Combination License (Freshwater Fishing, Freshwater Set Hook, Saltwater Fishing, State Hunting, Big Game, WMA, Migratory Waterfowl) **(HE)** Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No
- Fishing License (Freshwater Fishing, Saltwater Fishing) Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No
- Hunting Add-on for an existing Fishing License (State Hunting, Big Game, WMA, Migratory Waterfowl) **(HE)**

Disability licenses expire on the third anniversary of the date issued.

If you are renewing, include a copy of your current disability license.

Disability Certification

1. Include a copy of your unexpired SC Driver's License or ID Card.
2. Include a current copy of your disability certification from one of the following programs that declares you disabled and eligible to receive disability benefits.

Social Security Administration SC Retirement System Railroad Retirement Board
 US Department of Veteran Affairs Federal Civil Service

3. Include an official statement from your physician if you are certified with Paraplegia or Quadriplegia. Individuals certified as such are eligible for a Lifetime Disability License. Notes on a prescription pad are not accepted.

Hunter Education Certification

(HE) Hunter Education Certification is required for persons born after June 30, 1979 who apply for hunting privileges.

Hunter Education Number _____ State of Issue _____

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 _____

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.

The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain SC hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code Annon **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.

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