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Rules & Regulations



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for Hunting,
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Management Areas

July 1, 2002 - **August 14, 2003**

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- (1) Additions or changes as a result of new laws passed late in the 2002 legislative session;
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Changes in Laws and Regulations

This brochure is printed before the end of the legislative session and is provided for information only. Changes will be publicized in local newspapers and on the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.sc.us as new legislation is passed. Any discrepancy between the brochure and any statute or regulation shall be governed by the statute or regulation. Also, errors sometimes appear in this brochure, and news releases are published to clarify these situations.

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

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NOTICE: Any personal information collected by the Department for licenses, boat titles and registrations, except social security numbers, are 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.

Legislation Passed in 2002

S. 893 Taking of Bear It is unlawful to possess a captive bear except pursuant to a permit issued by the SCDNR. Hunting and fishing privileges of a person convicted under the provisions of this section must be suspended for three years.

S. 894 Taking of Turkey A person taking a wild turkey unlawfully must make restitution to the SCDNR in the amount of five hundred dollars for each bird taken. In addition, a person convicted of taking a wild turkey illegally forfeits hunting and fishing privileges for one year for each bird taken.

H. 3481 Striped Bass Limits During July and August it is unlawful to retain more than two striped bass (rockfish) less than 21 inches per day from Lake Murray and the Congaree River seaward from the Gervais Street Bridge to the lower dam of Lake Moultrie.

S. 1065 Trout Regulations In Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reed (Big)

Creek and in Choeoe Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) all coldwater trout caught between Nov. 1 and May 14 must be released and cannot be harvested. Only artificial lures with single hook may be used. In Middle Saluda River From Hugh Smith Road to the lower foot-bridge at Jones Gap State Park, anglers can possess only artificial single hook lures, and all fish must be returned to the river where they were caught.

H. 4546 Taking of Shad Changes the opening date for the season for taking shad in a portion of the Winyah Bay drainage system from Feb. 15 to Feb. 1; and changes the time for the taking of shad in a portion of the Combahee River from Tuesday noon until Thursday noon, to Tuesday noon until Friday noon.

H. 3361 Dolphin Protection Except when authorized by a federal permit, it is unlawful for any person to catch, attempt to catch, feed, feed by hand, kill, or harass any mammalian dolphin or porpoise. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Saltwater License Except as otherwise provided, no person sixteen years of age or older

may engage in fishing for recreation in South Carolina salt waters without: (1) an annual saltwater recreational fisheries license (Resident-\$10; Non-Resident-\$35); or (2) a 14-day temporary saltwater recreational fisheries license (Resident-\$5; Non-Resident-\$11). Fishermen are exempt if they are shore-based or on a licensed charter fishing vessel or licensed public fishing pier.

S. 249 Gills Creek Watershed, Hunting Prohibitions It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl in the Gills Creek watershed in Lancaster County within two hundred yards of a dwelling without written permission of the owner or occupant. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

H. 4883 Great Pee Dee River "A Scenic River" That portion of the Great Pee Dee River located between the U. S. Highway 378 bridge crossing of the Great Pee Dee River and downstream to the U. S. Highway 17 bridge crossing the Great Pee Dee River is designated a state Scenic River.

Please Note: Detailed information on these laws and regulations can be found at many local libraries or on the Internet at www.sccstatehouse.net. (The Bill numbers are indicated in bold type.)



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Education Programs in South Carolina

Conservation Education Programs

The SCDNR plans and directs over 30 education programs for students, teachers and the general public. Several programs have received national and state awards and are designed to meet the needs of teachers in grades K-12, as well as boy scouts, girl scouts and other non-formal education groups. For information, write: SCDNR, Education Programs, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, or call: Conservation Education programs, 803-734-3885; Marine Resources education programs, 843-953-9300; Water Resources education programs, 803-734-9100.

Boater Education

Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, without adult supervision, a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by 15 h.p. motor or larger.

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

1. In a classroom --Share the learning

experience with other boaters and a qualified instructor. Contact DNR to locate the next classroom course in your area.

2. On the internet --The complete course including the test can be viewed online at www.boat-ed.com or through a link on the SCDNR home page, www.dnr.state.sc.us

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

4. At local DMV offices --Go by a participating Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office, pick up a book, study, return and take the test.

For more information on all boating courses call SCDNR at 1-800-277-4301 or visit our web site: www.dnr.state.sc.us

If you are less than 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.

Hunter Education

All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

The DNR encourages all hunters in South Carolina to be knowledgeable about their sport and safety-conscious when in the field handling firearms. For this reason, the DNR offers a 10-hour Hunter Education Course which includes classroom instruction and hands-on experience in hunter safety and hunting techniques. In addition, students learn about hunting ethics, hunter/land-owner relations, and basic conservation and wildlife management principles. The course is available free of charge to schools, clubs and the general public. A Home Study Course is available by calling 1-800-277-4301.

If you plan to hunt out of state, check with

Hunter education classes (Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

Date	Location	Phone Number	Date	Location	Phone Number
July 10 & 11	Georgetown Co.	800-277-4301	Sept 28	Florence Co.	843-661-8120
July 13	Aiken Co.	800-277-4301	Sept 28	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301
July 18	Berkeley Co.	800-277-4301	Sept 28	Georgetown Co.	800-277-4301
July 20	Saluda Co.	800-277-4301	Sept 28	York Co.	803-325-2882
July 20	Florence Co.	843-661-8120	Sept 28	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
July 20	Horry Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 5	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
July 23	Marion Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 7 & 8	York Co.	803-366-3466
July 25	Williamsburg Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 10	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302
July 27	Aiken Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 12	Aiken Co.	803-734-3995
July 27	York Co.	803-325-2882	Oct 12	Kershaw Co.	803-734-3995
July 27	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266	Oct 12	Horry Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 3	Florence Co.	843-335-6027	Oct 19	Florence Co.	843-661-8120
Aug 3	Darlington Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 19	Horry Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 3	Horry Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 19	York Co.	803-325-2882
Aug 3	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995	Oct 19	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302
Aug 3	Bamberg Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 19	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
Aug 10	Florence Co.	800-277-4301	Oct 19	Allendale Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 10	Chesterfield Co.	843-921-6922	Oct 26	Williamsburg Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 10	Aiken Co.	803-734-3995	Oct 26	Orangeburg Co.	803-734-3995
Aug 10	Greenwood Co.	800-868-5528, ext.8400	Oct 26	Sumter Co.	803-734-3995
Aug 10	Beaufort Co.	843-524-9190	Nov 9	Florence Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 10	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995	Nov 9	York Co.	803-325-2882
Aug 10	Sumter Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 9	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
Aug 15 & 16	York Co.	803-366-3466	Nov 9	Barnwell Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 17	Charleston Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 16	Aiken Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 17	Florence Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 16	Greenwood Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 17	Dillon Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 16	Marion Co.	800-277-4301
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Aug 17	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 16	Orangeburg Co.	803-734-3995
Aug 24	Florence Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 16	Conway	800-277-4301
Aug 24	Spartanburg Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 23	Spartanburg Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 24	Edgefield Co.	800-277-4301	Nov 23	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
Aug 31	York Co.	803-325-2882	Dec 7	York Co.	803-325-2882
Sept 7	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301	Dec 7	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302
Sept 7	Florence Co.	800-277-4301	Dec 7	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
Sept 7	Kershaw Co.	803-734-3995	Dec 7	Conway	800-277-4301
Sept 7	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266	Dec 14	Aiken Co.	800-277-4301
Sept 14	Aiken Co.	803-734-3995	Dec 14	Florence Co.	800-277-4301
Sept 14	Berkeley Co.	800-277-4301	Dec 14	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
Sept 14	York Co.	803-366-3466	Dec 14	Bamberg Co.	800-277-4301
Sept 14	Orangeburg Co.	803-734-3995	Dec 21	Berkeley Co.	800-277-4301

that state to find out if hunter education certification is required. The South Carolina hunter safety course is recognized by all states requiring certification.

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. This is not a "how to trap" course, but 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™

An outdoor education and mentoring program aimed at developing South Carolina's youth and young adults, 12 to 27 years of age, through conservation education and adult mentoring, into lifetime participants in conservation, hunting, angling and shooting sports activities. Students are required to complete the SC hunter education safety

course and are mentored by an experienced adult for a minimum of one year. There are no registration costs. Presentations, brochures and applications are available by calling 803-734-3942.

SC Reel Kids

This program sets goals designed to be fun, educational and active for kids and youth up to age 16. SC Reel Kids work toward goals such as catching their first fish, learning about fish, and improving fish habitats. For their efforts, rewards and certificates are awarded in recognition of meeting program goals, providing kids with the incentive to complete either the Junior Master Angler or Youth Master Angler program. Once youth accomplish the Youth Master Angler status, they will also receive their first annual SCDNR fishing license free after their 16th birthday. For more information, contact SCDNR at 803-737-8483.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

The "BOW" program offers one- to three-day workshops that teach outdoor skills in a

Boater education classes

(Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

Date	Location	Phone Number
June 12	Horry Co.	800-277-4301
June 13	Dillon Co.	800-277-4301
June 14	Florence Co.	843-661-8120
June 15	Sumter Co.	800-277-4301
June 15	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
June 18	Chesterfield Co.	843-665-0361
June 18	Berkeley Co.	800-277-4301
June 20	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301
June 20	Williamsburg Co.	800-277-4301
June 22	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
June 22	York Co.	803-684-3137, ext. 101
June 25	Marion Co.	800-277-4301
June 27	Charleston Co.	800-277-4301
June 29	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302
July 2	Orangeburg Co.	800-277-4301
July 6	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
July 8	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
July 10	Aiken Co.	800-277-4301
July 13	Florence Co.	800-277-4301
July 13	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
July 17	Pickens Co.	864-654-8266
July 18	Horry Co.	800-277-4301
July 19	Horry Co.	800-277-4301
July 22	York Co.	803-684-3137, ext. 101
July 22	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
July 25	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301
July 27	Clarendon Co.	800-277-4301
July 30	Georgetown Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 3	Charleston Co.	843-764-7951
Aug 11	Beaufort Co.	843-524-9190
Aug 17	Laurens Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 17	Lexington Co.	803-734-3995
Aug 24	Williamsburg Co.	800-277-4301
Aug 25	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302
Sept 28	Charleston Co.	843-764-7951
Oct 1 & 2	Georgetown Co.	800-277-4301
Oct 20	Charleston	843-762-5041 or 953-9302

relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere to women ages 18 years and older. More than 20 classes are offered, including: shotgun, rifle, firearms safety, deer, turkey, duck and small game hunting; freshwater, saltwater and fly fishing; birdwatching; canoeing; camping; backpacking; backyard habitat... and much more! For information on these workshops, hunts or other women's activities, contact SCDNR at 803-734-4072.

National Hunting & Fishing Day

For the third year, SCDNR and the S.C. Wildlife Federation have planned an event that will offer "hands-on" outdoor learning opportunities for every age group. Its focus will be to introduce newcomers to the hunting and fishing traditions, as well as rekindle interest by existing hunters and anglers. South Carolina's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration is free of charge and open to the public on September 28, 2002 from 9:00-4:00 at SCDNR's Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery located at 1529 Fish Hatchery Road in West Columbia. For more information, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-4001.

License Fees

For Hunting and Fishing in South Carolina

General License Information

A **resident** is a person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for 30 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a license. Proof of residency is required when purchasing a license. Such proof shall be either a valid state driver's license or other form of identification which would furnish reasonable proof of residency. **Non-residents** or persons unable to prove residency must purchase nonresident licenses. **Full-time students and military personnel stationed in S.C.** are eligible for resident hunting/fishing licenses, permits and tags.

Military personnel who are residents of South Carolina stationed outside of the state, and home on leave, shall upon presentation of official furlough or leave papers, be allowed to fish or hunt without purchasing a fishing or hunting license or saltwater fishing license. A resident WMA permit, resident big game permit, migratory bird permit (HIP) and state and federal duck stamp must be purchased when applicable.

Where to buy licenses and permits -

- 1,000 license agents statewide, (many local sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, major retailers and DNR offices)
- Telephone 1-888-434-7472
- Internet www.dnr.state.sc.us
- Special permits and tags are available through the Columbia office only. For more information call (803) 734-3833.

Social Security Number - The SCDNR is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing or other recreational or commercial license under section 20-7-949 and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principle identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the SC Child Support Enforcement of DSS Unit to establish, modify and enforce child support obligations.

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

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

A fishing license is not required when fishing in a privately owned pond. A state fishing license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by DNR.

License Fees for South Carolina Residents

Licenses are effective July 1 through June 30 of the following year unless otherwise specified.

Fishing & Hunting Combinations

Combination Hunting and Freshwater Fishing and Big Game License	\$20
Sportsman's License (Includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing)	\$50
Junior Sportsman's License (For residents age 16-17, includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing)	\$16

Fishing

Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters when using manufactured equipment and/or artificial bait. Also required on all SCDNR managed and WMA lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.)	\$10
14-Day Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the State Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 14 consecutive days only.)	\$5
Lakes and Reservoirs Permit (valid when using cane pole and natural bait in the following areas only) Lakes Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Greenwood, Wylie, Fishing Creek, Wateree, Thurmond, Stevens Creek, Hartwell, Richard B. Russell, Jocassee, Keowee, Ashwood and Parr Reservoir, Monticello Reservoir and Monticello Sub-Impoundment.	\$3
Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats).	\$10
14-Day Resident Saltwater Fishing License	\$5
Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait during set season).....	\$25

Hunting

State Hunting License* (Small game only)	\$12
County Hunting License* (Good only in county of residence)	\$5
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear)	\$6
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands. Not required for fishing)	\$30.50
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide. (Not required on either-sex days) (See page 22 for details)	\$5
Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys)	FREE
Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds) .	FREE
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp)	\$5.50
Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.)	\$10

* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to these licenses to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

** A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

Lifetime Licenses (See Page 7 for privileges and application)

Freshwater Fishing	\$300
Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$300
Combination (Under 2 yrs of age)	\$300
Combination (2 to 15 yrs. of age)	\$400
Combination (16 to 63 yrs. of age)	\$500
Combination (Age 64 or older)	\$9

Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag	\$5 ea.
Trotline Tag	\$2.50 ea.
Eel Pot Tag	\$5 ea.
Gill Net Tag	\$5 ea.
Hoop Net Tag	\$10 ea.
Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee)	\$5
Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee)	\$5
Commercial Fishing License	\$50
Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.)	\$1 ea.

See page 13-15 for a complete description of Nongame Devices and regulations.

Borrowing, lending, exchanging, altering or purchasing by fraud DNR licenses, permits, stamps or tags is unlawful and suspends hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

Duplicate Licenses are available for \$3 at Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Clemson, Edgefield, Georgetown, Conway, Ridgeland and Charleston DNR offices. Applications are available from any license sales agents. Duplicates will not be issued for duck stamps.

Suspended Licenses - Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply, hold, or use DNR license, permits, stamps or tags.

Lifetime Licenses are available to South Carolina residents only. A person must be a domiciled resident of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of his application for licenses. A copy of a South Carolina drivers license or reasonable proof of residency must accompany application (See page 45 for an application). Non-resident lifetime licenses are not available. All lifetime licenses remain valid if the holder moves out of state.

Gratis Over 65 License - Any person who has been a domiciled resident for at least six months and is age 65 or older may obtain a free license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, set hooks, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. (See page 45 for application.) A Federal Duck Stamp is required for waterfowl hunting and can be purchased at a U.S. Post Office or from the DNR office in Columbia. HIP permit required for hunting migratory birds.

Disability License - Any person who has been a domiciled resident for at least one year and who is certified to be totally disabled by Social Security Administration, SC State Retirement System, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Federal Civil Service, Railroad Retirement Board or Medicaid Assistance, may obtain a license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. The license is valid for three (3) years and disability recertification is required for renewal. (See page 45 for application.) A HIP permit is required for hunting migratory birds.

Shrimp Baiting Permits, Turkey Tags, Nongame Fishing Permit and Tags are required for all age groups participating in these activities.

A **Commercial Fur Harvest License** and a State Hunting License is required, regardless of age, to trap or to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.

Youth Requirements - No child under 16 years of age is required to procure a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes, however, permits or tags for shrimp baiting, turkey hunting, and nongame fishing devices are required for all age groups participating in these activities.

Hunter Education Requirements - All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a SCDNR approved hunter education course

License Fees for Nonresidents

Hunting

Annual Hunting License* (Small game only)	\$100
10-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 10 consecutive days only.) (Small game only)	\$50
3-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 3 consecutive days only.) (Small game only)	\$25
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear)	\$89
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands.)	\$76
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide.) (Not required on either-sex days) (See page 21 for details.)	\$5
Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys.)	FREE
Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds) .	FREE
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt all migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp.)	\$5.50
Shooting Preserve Permit	\$8.50
Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.)	\$100

* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to a hunting license to hunt deer, bear and turkey.
** A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

Fishing

Annual Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters. Also required on all SCDNR managed lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.)	\$35
7-Day Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the Annual Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 7 consecutive days only.)	\$11
Annual Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats.)	\$35
14-day Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License	\$11
Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait.)	\$500

Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag	\$50 ea.
Trotline Tag	\$50 ea.
Eel Pot Tag	\$50 ea.
Gill Net Tag	\$50 ea.
Hoop Net Tag	\$50 ea.
Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee)	\$50
Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee)	\$50
Commercial Fishing License	\$1,000
Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.)	\$1 ea.

See pages 13-15 for a complete description of Nongame Devices, Areas and Limits.

before a hunting license can be obtained.

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

Bird Dog Training License - Persons in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods, or services may obtain a Bird Dog Trainer's License entitling them to certain privileges. The license costs \$50 and is renewable annually. For information contact DNR Small Game Project, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3609.

Commercial Quail Breeder's License - This license is required for anyone engaging in the propagation of pen-raised quail for commercial purposes. The license fee is \$5 annually and licenses are valid from July 1 through June 30. For information contact License Division, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211, 803-734-3833.

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 on the banks and in the waters covered by this agreement.

NOTE: A 12-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass applies in Georgia waters of the Savannah River and associated reservoirs. *It is unlawful to harvest striped bass and striped bass hybrids in the Savannah River from the Augusta Diversion Dam downstream to Fields Cut and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. This harvest restriction is in effect until June 30, 2006. Savannah River downstream of Thurmond Reservoir is closed to striped bass fishing in Georgia waters.*

Point & Suspension System

For Natural Resource Violations

South Carolina law has established suspension systems based upon the accumulation of points assessed upon convictions of natural resource laws. The Game and Fish Point System addresses 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 Coastal Fisheries Point System addresses violations within the coastal waters of the State. 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 persons 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, either recreational or commercial will be suspended. Suspensions under the Coastal Fisheries 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 Department shall assess the points against the persons 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 shall suspend the privileges of any person who has accumulated eighteen (18) or more points.

In addition to these point suspensions, South Carolina law also mandates many suspensions for specific violations of law. These suspensions are called "statutory suspensions" and are mandatory if convicted of such a violation. See Table C for some specific examples of statutory suspensions.

Note: A violation of natural resources law while under suspension may result in additional suspensions of one year to five years.

The purchase or procurement of a license, permit, stamp, or tag allowing suspended privileges while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.

Table A: Game & Fish

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. Selling 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.....	8
8. Hunting or fishing without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag.....	6
9. Trespassing to hunt, fish, or trap	10
10. Violation of WMA regulations (including private land deer regulations in game zones 1,2, and 4	8
11. Unlawful hunting, taking, possessing, or selling alligators	14
12. Killing or attempting to kill or molest deer from a motorboat.....	14
13. Night hunting deer or bear	18
14. Unlawful transportation of furs or hides and possession of untagged hides	10
15. Trapping quail or turkeys	10
16. Unlawful hunting over bait	8
17. Unlawful killing or possession of antlerless deer	14
18. Unlawful night hunting other game, except deer or bear, or hunting during prohibited or after hours	8
19. Unlawful possession of buckshot	5
20. Hunting migratory birds with an unplugged gun	4
21. Killing or possession of wild turkey during the closed season	18
22. Killing or possession of a hen turkey during the spring gobbler season	14
23. Roost shooting turkey between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise	18
24. Shooting (taking or killing) turkey over bait	18
25. Hunting turkey over bait (no game taken	10
26. Trespassing to hunt waterfowl	18
27. Hunting waterfowl over bait	10
28. Shooting (taking or killing) waterfowl over bait	10
29. Hunting waterfowl out of season	15
30. Taking or possession of more than one waterfowl over the legal limit	15
31. Unlawful possession, taking, or attempting to take raccoons during the season for hunting without firearms	14
32. Trapping, netting, or seining game fish unlawfully	10
33. Taking game or fish in any illegal manner not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the point systems	8

NOTE: Some examples of Item 33 are;

- Taking game while in possession of lead shot while hunting for waterfowl;
- Taking game while unlawfully hunting from a public road/railway;
- Possession of undersize freshwater fish;
- Taking fish with too many devices;
- Taking game while unlawfully hunting deer/waterfowl within 300 yards of a residence;
- Killing bird of prey (Hawks, Kites, Vultures, Kestrels, Owls, or Falcons);
- Killing/possession of nongame birds;
- Taking fish while violating specific freshwater nongame fishing laws such as illegal bait on trotlines or set hooks, unmarked devices, or unlawful areas;
- Taking game while jump shooting waterfowl or rails;
- Taking game while violating specific trapping laws such as unmarked or unlawful traps, checking traps at night, failure to check traps, or failure to report as required.

Other less common examples are, but are not limited to, taking under sized bear, transport/possession of deer with detached head, unlawful transfer of untagged migratory birds, taking fish in closed areas (examples are closed waters around dams which are posted as safety precautions), taking fish on DNR lakes on closed days, taking game while unlawfully hunting with an electronic call, killing a turkey with a rifle, and shooting game within 300 yards of a poultry house. The application of item 33 is very broad and examples are given for clarification.

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



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Table B: Coastal Fisheries

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

*****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*****

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 6
(NOTE: This point assessment applies to all other convictions that *are not contained within* the point assessments herein, and any conviction of a violation of a coastal fisheries law will be assessed a minimum of 6 points)
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 10
(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
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 10

- (b) more than one hundred yards distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season 18
- (c) during the closed season 18
10. Taking or attempting to take, fish, shellfish or crustaceans for a commercial purpose without a proper license, permit, or 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

Point System Suspensions and Appeals

Point system suspensions begin eleven (11) days after notice to the violator. A person who has been notified of a suspension may appeal the suspension to the Administrative Law Division. The request for appeals must be in writing and postmarked within ten (10) days of notification of the suspension. The appeal is limited to the validity of the points assessed and the identity of the violator. The Administrative Law Division cannot override a conviction and cannot allow a reduction of points unless the points are in error. To appeal a point suspension, write the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C., 29202 or call (803) 734-4002. There are no appeals for statutory suspensions.

Table C: Statutory Suspensions

Many laws pertaining to natural resources and boating have mandatory suspensions based upon convictions. These suspensions start upon conviction and run for specified times according to law. These suspensions will effect privileges and may effect licenses,

permits, stamps, tags or registrations. Examples of violations for which suspensions are mandated include, but are not limited to:

- A. Impeding the right to hunt, fish, or trap 1 year;
- B. Conspiracy to violate natural resource laws 1 year;
- C. Obtaining a license, permit, stamp, or tag by fraud 1 year;
- D. Altering, post dating, borrowing, or lending a license, permit, stamp, or tag 1 year;
- E. Criminal negligent use of a firearm 1 to 5 years;
- F. Boating under the influence 1 to 5 years;
- G. Trawling violations 1 year;
- H. Reckless operation of a watercraft 6 months;
- 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. Unlawful road hunting 1 year
- M. Bear violations 3 years
- N. Unlawfully taking/possessing a wild turkey 1 year

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

Suspension Violations

Violation of suspension can add an additional three (3) to five (5) years to the original suspension date. In addition, some suspension violations require mandatory jail terms and may affect the right to own or be in possession of a firearm. Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to hold license, permits, stamps, or tags. Purchase or procurement of licenses, permits, stamps, or tags for while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension. To find out more information on a statutory suspension, contact the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or call (803) 734-0893.

Property Watch PROGRAM

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources "Property Watch Program" is intended to provide assistance to landowners and lessees with property protection and to deter property right

violations such as trespassing to hunt or fish.

To apply for the Property Watch Program, use the application on page 37 and send it to the address below. For more information, you can call the Law Enforcement Division at (803) 734-4002, visit the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.sc.us or write: SCDNR Law Enforcement, Property Watch Program, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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. **50-21-870**

Equipment

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

Fire Extinguisher - One Coast Guard approved hand portable fire extinguisher must be aboard each boat less than 26 ft. if the boat is carrying passengers for hire or if the construction of the boat 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 26ft. Contact SCDNR for complete regulations.

Navigation Lights must be on at official sunset to sunrise.

Flares are required for vessels in coastal waters.

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

Personal Watercraft

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

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

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

Marine Events

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

Minimum Age of Operators

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

Reporting Boating Accidents

The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident shall report to the DNR whenever the accident results in loss of life, loss of consciousness, medical treatment or disability in excess of 24 hours, or property damage in excess of \$500. 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.

Boating Education and Information

For boating class schedules or additional information on subjects covered in this section see page 4 or contact: SCDNR, Boating Safety & Education, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302, in Columbia call 803-734-3995 or statewide 800-277-4301.

Titling and Registration

Fees

New Registration & Title	\$40
Boat or Motor Title	\$10
Registration Renewal	\$30
Transfer of Registration & Title	\$16
Duplicate Boat or Motor Title	\$5 ea.
Duplicate Boat or Motor Decal	\$1 ea.
Title Search	\$10 per record
Late Fee (Thirty-First (31) Day and Thereafter)	\$15

All watercraft and/or motors MUST be registered or titled within thirty days of purchase.

For more information or forms contact:

Boat Titling & Registration, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, (803) 734-3857

Titling - All watercraft are required to be titled except documented vessels, windsurfers and those propelled by human power with oars, paddles or similar devices. All sailboats MUST be titled. All outboard motors 5 horsepower and greater must be titled. A title is valid until the watercraft or outboard motor is sold, traded or exchanged. If a used watercraft or outboard motor in South Carolina is purchased, the seller must produce title in his/her name at the time of sale.

Registration - All watercraft propelled by any mechanized power must be registered in the owner's name. Watercraft registration is valid for 3 years after date of issue. Registration card must be on board while boat is in operation.

Change of Address - SCDNR Boat Titling & Registration MUST be notified in writing within 15 days if owner's address changes. Description of the boat or outboard motor must be included.

Change of Ownership - SCDNR Boat Titling & Registration MUST be notified in writing within 15 days of the date of sale of boat or outboard motor. Seller must provide a description of the boat or motor sold, name and address of buyer and date of sale.

Reporting Stolen Watercraft and Outboard Motors - The owner of a watercraft or outboard motor which has been stolen should contact Boat Titling and Registration at 734-3858 immediately. An OB Motor/Vessel Theft Report will be mailed to the owner. Upon receipt of the completed report the boat/ motor will be put on record as stolen. If the watercraft or outboard motor is later recovered, please notify the Department in writing.

Property Taxes - The bill of sale or title to any watercraft or an outboard motor shall require certification that property taxes have been paid by the titled owner as of the date of sale.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- Check the weather.
- Let someone know where you are going.
- Gather all lifesaving devices. Make sure they are in good serviceable condition and are the correct size for all passengers (especially children).
- Check the fuel and the battery charge.
- Make sure lights are in good working condition on the boat and trailer.
- Make sure fire extinguisher is readily accessible and in good serviceable condition.
- Put the plug in.
- Connect trailer safety chains to tow vehicle.
- Carry a cell phone if possible.



ON THE WATER:

- Know the aids to navigation and buoy system in your areas.
- Don't operate the boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- When operating sailboats be aware of overhead powerlines and wires.
- If someone falls overboard, throw something that will float (PFD, raft, cooler).
- All boats approaching from the right have the right of way.
- Always anchor from the bow of the boat and pull the anchor before leaving.
- If boat capsizes, stay with the boat.
- If caught in a storm, head into the wind, put on PFDs and keep passengers low in the boat.
- Cold water boaters such as duck hunters, fishermen, sailors beware! Cold water kills.
- Call Operation Game Thief (1-800-922-5431) to report boating, fishing or hunting violations.

Freshwater Fishing

Regulations

Methods and Devices

• Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line or hand line. Not more than 2 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if every occupant of the boat (who would normally be required to have a fishing license) possesses a valid fishing license.

• Bows and arrows for taking nongame fish only and cast nets for catching nongame bait fish may be in possession while fishing for game fish. Possession of cast nets is prohibited in Game Zone 1 except on Lake Keowee, Hartwell and Twelve Mile Creek.

• Game fish may be used as bait to catch fish but must be included in daily bag limit.

Seasons - No closed freshwater game fish season except in the following areas:

• It is unlawful to take striped bass or hybrids in Savannah River from the Augusta Diversion Dam downstream to Fields Cut and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway until June 30, 2006.

• All watercraft and fishing are prohibited Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 on Cantey Bay, Black Bottom and Savannah Branch in Lake Marion in order to better protect waterfowl populations during the migratory waterfowl season.

• Portions of Howard, Corbin and Devil's Fork Creeks in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30, and a portion of Thompson River in Oconee County is closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30 to protect spawning fish. Closed sections will be marked with signs.

• Hatchery WMA on Lake Moultrie is closed to fishing each Sat. morning and all day the last Sat. of the waterfowl season.

Selling and Importing

• No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except: 1) Hatchery-reared trout and striped bass hybrids produced in private hatcheries in accordance with SCDNR regulations. 2) Game fish fingerlings for purposes of stocking waters under a DNR Commercial Game Fish Breeders License. 3) White perch (Virginia perch) imported into the state from another state may be sold in accordance with 50-13-1760.

• It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.

• It is unlawful to harvest grass carp.

• Sterile grass carp must be sold, purchased or possessed by SCDNR permitted vendors only.

Prohibited Practices

• Game or nongame fish may not be attracted or taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.

Game Fish

• 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.

• Special limits and regulations apply to DNR managed lakes. See chart on page 12

• Check with State Parks, City Reservoirs or County Parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

Black bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Redeye & Spotted)

Limit: 10 fish combined total per day, except Slade's Lake, total of not more than 2 Largemouth bass per day and not more than 15 fish combined total per day. It is illegal to take largemouth bass in Lake Wallace, Marlboro County.

Size: 12-inch minimum for largemouth bass on Slade's Lake, Lakes Wylie, Marion, Moultrie, the Santee Cooper lakes and the Georgia waters of the Savannah River and all its reservoirs.

Striped bass and/or hybrids

Limit: 10 fish per day (See exceptions.)

Size limit & exceptions: 5 fish per day and 21-inch minimum size limit in the following areas: (S.C. Code 50-13-220 & 50-13-236)

1) Broad River from the lock and dam of the Columbia Canal to its confluence with Lower Saluda River;

2) Saluda River from Lake Greenwood Dam to Lake Murray;

3) Lake Murray;

4) Lower Saluda river from the Lake Murray Dam to its confluence with Broad River;

5) Wateree River from the Lake Wateree Dam to its confluence with Congaree River;

6) Congaree River from the confluence of Broad and Lower Saluda rivers to its confluence with Wateree River;

7) Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the Diversion Canal;

8) the Tailrace Canal from Pinopolis Dam to Cooper River;

9) the east and west branches of Cooper River downstream to the US Highway 17 bridge;

10) Wando River;

11) the Rediversion Canal;

12) Santee River from the lake Marion Dam downstream to the Intercoastal Waterway.

Creel limit exceptions:

• Lakes Marion, Moultrie, Murray and Congaree River from Gervais Street Bridge seaward, during July and Aug., two fish of the five fish creel limit may be less than 21 inches.

Cold water trout

Limit: 10 fish per day, 10 in possession. (See exceptions.)

Creel limit exceptions:

• Chattooga River (SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), and Cheohee Creek (Piedmont Forestry property) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release only) from Nov. 1 through May 14.

• Chattooga River (except SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), Lakes Tugaloo, Yonah and Hartwell, Lake Hartwell Tailwater and Lake Russell - 8 trout per day, 8 in possession.

• Whitewater River in Oconee County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County, Middle Saluda River (lower

foot bridge at Jones Gap Park upstream to Hwy 276), and Matthews Creek (from lower boundary of Caesar's Head State Park) in Greenville County - 7 trout per day, 7 in possession.

• Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Road upstream to lower foot bridge at Jones Gap Park) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release year round).

• Lake Jocassee-5 trout per day, 5 in possession.

Size limit & exceptions: No size limit, except Lake Jocassee, 15-inch minimum.

Bait/tackle restrictions:

• Artificial lures and bait can be used when fishing for trout. (See exceptions.)

Bait/tackle exceptions:

• Matthews Creek (from lower boundary of Caesar's Head State Park) and Middle Saluda River (Jones Gap Park lower foot bridge to Hwy 276) in Greenville County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County and Whitewater River in Oconee County - Artificial lures only.

• Lake Jocassee - It is unlawful to fish with corn, cheese, fish eggs or imitations of them as bait on Lake Jocassee.

• Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reed (Big) Creek and Choeoee Creek within the property boundry of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) all coldwater trout caught between Nov. 1 and May 14 only artificial lures with single hook may be used.

• Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Rd. to the lower foot bridge at Jones Gap State Park), artificial lures with single hook (no treble hooks).

Seasons:

• Cold water trout can be fished for year-round. (See exceptions.)

Season exceptions:

• Howard Creek (from Corbin Creek upstream to Limberpole Creek), Corbin Creek (from Howard Creek upstream to SC 130), and Devils Fork Creek in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1 through Mar. 30.

• Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reed (Big) Creek and Choeoee Creek within the property boundry of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) all coldwater trout caught between Nov. 1 and May 14 must be released and cannot be harvested.

• Middle Saluda River (catch and release area) and Cheohee Creek (Forestry Center lands) are open for fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. during daylight hours with a special daily permit obtained on-site.

Crappie, bream (including bluegill, flier, redbreast, warmouth, pumpkin-seed and redear, longear and spotted sunfish), white bass, chain pickerel or jackfish, redbfin pike, yellow perch, white perch, walleye and sauger

Limit: 30 fish per day. (See exceptions.)

Creel limit exceptions:

• **Walleye and sauger - 8 fish per day** on Lake Tugaloo, Yonah, Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond and the Chattooga River.

SCDNR Managed State Lakes

Lake*	County	Acres	Open Days	Boat/Motor	Creel/Size Limits Catfish	Creel/Size Limits Bass	Creel/Size Limits Bream	Minnows Allowed	Boat Ramp	Fishing Pier	Handicap Access
Ashwood	Lee	75	All Days	7.5 H.P.	3	3	20	No	X	X	X
Edgar Brown	Barnwell	100	All Days	10 HP (Gas) North of Hospital Rd eastward. Any size south of Rd.	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	Yes	X	X	X
Cherokee	Cherokee	50	All Days	Electric Only	3	5	25	No	X	X	X
Dargans Pond	Darlington	50	Closed Until Further Notice								
John D. Long	Union	80	All Days	Electric Only	3	3	20	No	X	X	X
Edwin Johnson	Spartanburg	40	All Days	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Jonesville	Union	35	M,W,Sat.	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Monticello**	Fairfield	300	W,Sat.	Electric Only	5	5 (12" minimum)	25	No	X	X	X
Mountain Lake 1	Chester	42	Tue,Thur, Sat.,Sun	Electric Only	5	5 (12" minimum)	10	No	X	X	X
Mountain Lake 2	Chester	10	Tue, Thur, Sat., Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5"	No		X	X
Oak Grove	Greenville	18	Opening June 1, 2003								
Oliphant	Chester	40	M,W,Sat	Electric Only	3	3 (14" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Star Fort Pond	Greenwood	27	W,Fri,Sat. Apr. 1 -- Nov. 1	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No		X	X
Thicketty	Cherokee	100	All Days	6 HP (Gas)	No Limit	10	25	Yes	X		
Paul Wallace	Marlboro	280	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	3	20	No	X	X	X
George Warren	Hampton	400	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Webb Center	Hampton	7&10	M-Sat.***	Electric Only	No Limit	10	30	Yes			
Sunrise	Lancaster	25	M,W,Sat	Electric Only	3	2	20	No	X		
Draper WMA	York	1, 2 & 5	Wed-Mon.	No	3	3 (14" minimum)	15	No			

* The days each impoundment is open can change. Contact your nearest SCDNR office to determine the open days of an individual lake.

** Lake Monticello Sub-Impoundment is not a part of the SCDNR State Lake Program, but is managed in coordination with South Carolina Electric and Gas Company. In addition to the listed creel limits, Lake Monticello Sub-Impoundments has a 30 crappie per day limit of any size. Total number of fish that can be harvested is 35.

*** Webb Center Lakes are closed on deer hunting days.

Free Fishing Days
June 7 & 8, 2003
Take A Kid Fishing

Advice on Eating Fish Caught from South Carolina Waters

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 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. Past sampling has shown that some fish from selected areas contain mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. These advisories provide information to help you decide which fish to keep and how much to eat. While DHEC has issued fish consumption advisories for several lakes and rivers in South Carolina, there are no advisories. 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.net/eqc/admin/html/fishadv.html

Freshwater/Saltwater Dividing Line

The saltwater-freshwater dividing lines on rivers listed below shall be as hereinafter defined, and all waters of the rivers and associated tributaries, streams and estuaries lying seaward of the dividing lines shall be considered salt waters, and all waters lying landward or upstream from all dividing lines shall be considered fresh waters for purpose of licensing and regulating commercial and recreational fishing. SCDNR shall erect and maintain signs adequately identifying the dividing line.

- On the Savannah River, the old track bed of the Seaboard Railroad located approximately 1.75 miles upstream from the US Hwy 17-A bridge across the Savannah River.
- On the Wright and Ashepoo rivers, the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- On the New River, Cooks Landing.
- On the Coosawhatchie, Tullifinny, Pocataligo and Combahee rivers, US Hwy. 17.
- On the Edisto River, the old Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Cut Canal.
- On the Ashley River, the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- On the Cooper River, the confluence of the old Back River at Coast Guard Navigational Marker R82. Crab pot fishing, as regulated under Article 7 of Chapter 17 is lawful in the Cooper River upstream to where the river forks at the confluence of the east and west branches of the Cooper River.
- On the Awendaw Creek, the North and South Santee rivers, the Sampit River, the Black River, the Pee Dee River, the Waccamaw River, and the Little River, the line shall be US Hwy. 17.
- On the Inland Waterway in Horry Co., the bridge at Nixons Cross Road where S.C. Hwy. 9 and US Hwy. 17 intersect.

Note: Shad, herring, and sturgeon are regulated by saltwater laws, even when occurring in freshwaters above the Freshwater/Saltwater Dividing Line - **50-17-20 & 50-17-805**

Nongame Fishing in South Carolina

General Information

Nongame fishing permits and tags are required, in addition to a valid South Carolina state fishing license (also applies to youth under 16), to use the following devices for recreational purposes: up to 3 trotlines with not more than 150 hooks, 3 to 50 set hooks, 3 to 50 jugs, up to 2 traps, 1 hoop net, 1 gill net no more than 200 yards in length or 5 gill nets, none of which exceed 30 yards in length, 1 skimbrow net, 1 seine, 1 minnow seine, or up to 2 eel pots.

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 are shown in the Areas & Limits Section on page 15.

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.

Game fish must be immediately released if caught by net or trap or any other device used for catching nongame fish.

Commercial Fishing

A commercial freshwater fishing license must be in possession to take catfish by any method from public waters and sell or offer for sale such catfish, and/or fish with the following nongame fishing devices: 2 or more gill nets, 2 or more hoop nets, 3 or more traps, trotlines with a combined total of 151 hooks or more, or 3 or more eel pots.

All persons involved in commercial catfish fishing must have a commercial freshwater fishing license if they participate in any way in the actual fishing operation. This includes, but is not limited to, operating a boat, baiting hooks, removing fish from lines, traps or nets.

To qualify for a resident commercial freshwater fishing license, one must have been a resident of this state for the past 12 consecutive months.

Shad/Herring

Shad/Herring taken from the freshwaters of the state are regulated by saltwater fisheries laws, regardless of location within the state. To take shad or herring for **commercial purposes other than bait**, residents must have the following:

- A. Saltwater Commercial License
(Resident, \$25; Nonresident \$300)
- B. Gear License (Resident, \$10;

- Nonresident, \$50) per net
- C. Boat Decal (no cost)

(A Wholesale Dealer License is not required to sell shad or herring to a licensed Wholesale Seafood Dealer.)

To take shad or herring for **commercial sale for bait**, a person must have the following:

- A. Gear License (Resident, \$10;
Nonresident, \$50) per net
- B. Bait Dealer License (Resident, \$25;
Nonresident, \$125)
- C. Boat Decal (no cost)

Nongame Fishing Methods & Devices

Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See Area & Limits on page 15 for devices and limits allowed in each area.

Set Hooks

Description: A single hook and line attached to bushes, limbs, poles, sticks or similar structures.

Permits/Regulations: A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 hooks (50 hook limit). A label bearing the owner's name and address must be attached to each set hook.

Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit, but a label with their name, address and age must be attached to each set hook. A fishing license is required. A permit is not required for 2 set hooks with a valid state fishing license.

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.

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 and may not be attached to a flotation marker for trotlines, traps or other devices.

Permits/Regulations: A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 jugs (50 jug limit). Licensee's name and address must be clearly marked on each jug. Jug fishing is legal only in Lakes Greenwood, Secession, Richard B. Russell, Thurmond, and Stevens Creek. *A permit is not required for 2 jugs with a valid state fishing license.*

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.

Trotlines

Description: 2 or more hooks attached to a line which is rigged horizontally and marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 14). 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.*

Permits/Regulations: A tag is required for each trotline with up to 50 hooks. Trotlines with more than 50 hooks requires 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.

Traps & Eel Pots

Description: A device (as described below and on the following page) marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 14).

Permits/Regulations: A tag is required for each trap or eel pot. Traps and eel pots may be suspended in water at a depth which does not create a hazard to watercraft. No trap or eel pot shall be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream. No crab pot or trap of like design may be used in the fresh waters of this state.

Hours/seasons: No closed season.

Trap Type 1 - *The trap may be made of wire or textile material and be cylindrical in shape of a length not more than 6 feet and a width of not more than 3 feet. The mesh shall not be smaller than 1 inch by 1 inch, and there shall be only one application of exterior wire to the trap. The muzzle shall have one of the following designs: A trap door on the second muzzle or catch muzzle which remains in a closed position and which only opens for the entry of fish into the trap; or constructed of netting so that the opening of the small end of the second muzzle or catch muzzle is held in the shape of a slit and the trap configuration constructed such that as*

the trap rests on the bottom, the slit shall be oriented horizontally with the greatest vertical opening being no greater than 1 inch.

Trap Type 2 - The trap may be made of wood strips or slats and be cylindrical or rectangular in shape. The length shall not exceed 6 feet, and the width or diameter shall not exceed 2 feet. The throat opening of the catch muzzle in a resting position shall not exceed 3 inches measured in any direction. The sides, top and rear of the trap shall have a minimum of one inch opening between the slats to allow for the escape of small catfish. This shall apply only to the last 12 inches of the trap.

Eel pot - Pots no larger than 24 inches by 48 inches and constructed of wire with a mesh size no smaller than 1/2 by 1/2 inch, except for the throat or muzzle and the end opposite the throat or muzzle. The throat opening shall not exceed 2 inches measured in any direction.

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.

Permits/Regulations: Hoop nets must rest on the bottom and cannot be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.

Hours/Seasons: No closed season.

Gill Nets

Description: Nets with a mesh size greater than 4 1/2 inches stretch mesh. The maximum length is 200 yards and no net, cable, line or other device used for support of the gill net can extend more than halfway across the stream or body of water. Nets must be marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification).

Permits/Regulations: Gill nets shall be placed on a first-come basis, and no net can be placed within 200 yards of another gill net.

Hours/Seasons: The season for taking nongame fish other than shad and herring is Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 (where authorized) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Fishing time begins at 12:01 am on Wednesday, and ends at midnight on Saturday.

Other Devices

Descriptions: Devices described in this section may be used in any body of fresh water including tributaries of rivers or creeks except in prohibited areas. A state fishing license is required (Lakes & Reservoir Permits are not valid). Tags are not required.

- **Bows and Arrows, Spears, Gigs & Cast Nets**

- **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 6 feet in any direction.

- **Minnow Seine** - Must not be greater than four feet in width 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.

- **Tires** - Must not exceed 20-inch rim. Rules and regulations of power companies may not allow for the placing of tires.

- **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.

Regulations

Markers and Identification

Trotlines, Traps, Eel Pots and Gill Nets must be marked with a floating marker with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum capacity of one gallon or equivalent size and must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink if punctured or cracked. The floating markers must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam or cork. No hollow buoys or floats including plastic, metal or glass bottles or jugs may be used except manufactured buoys or floats specifically designed for use with nongame fishing devices; these may be hollow if constructed of heavy duty plastic material and approved by the SCDNR. The floating markers must be colored white when used the 1st through the 15th of the month and yellow when used the remainder of the month. The owner's name and address must be marked clearly on each floating marker.

Hoop Nets set on the Congaree River from the I-77 Bridge to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers must also be marked with the same floating markers as listed above.

Bait

No game fish, live bait or any bait other than bait listed below shall be used with trotlines, set hooks and jugs: soap, doughballs, cut fish (nongame fish cut into at least three equal parts), shrimp, grapes or meat scraps (shall not include insects, worms and other invertebrates).

On the Edisto, Black, Sampit, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used with single-barbed set hooks and trotlines that have a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches or greater.

On the Black, Pig Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used on trotlines having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches.

Game fish used as bait must be included in daily creel limit, 30 bream per day (see pg. 8).

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.

Prohibited Areas

No nongame fishing devices of any kind may be used in SCDNR-managed lakes (as listed on page 12), Monticello Reservoir, Monticello Reservoir Sub-Impoundment or waters above the Norfolk Southern Railroad track in Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties, except in Lakes Hartwell and Keowee and Twelve-Mile Creek.

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.

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 and bows and arrows.

It is unlawful for any person to tamper with, fish, or use in any manner the nongame fishing device or gear owned and tagged by another person, or to take from any such device or gear, any fish caught thereon. No fishing device shall be used, placed, set or fished so as to create a hazard to boating.

No trotlines, traps or eel pots shall be placed within 200 yards of any permanent man-made structure on Lakes Marion and Moultrie nor placed anywhere in the Diversion Canal connecting Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the Tailrace Canal nor the area known as the Borrow Pit (also known as "Bar Pit") in Clarendon County.

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 nongame 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.

Up-to-date regulations and information are provided when nongame tags and or permits are purchased. Tags, permits and Commercial Freshwater Fishing License must be purchased from the Columbia Office in person or by writing: **FISH TAGS, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211.**

NONGAME AREAS & LIMITS

*Described limits are the maximum number of nongame devices allowed per license holder.

Ashepool River:

Set hooks - 50
Eel pots - No limit

Ashley River:

Set hooks - 50
Eel pots - No limit

Big Pee Dee River-See Great Pee Dee River

Black Creek-Darlington, Florence & Chesterfield Cos:

(Lakes Robinson & Prestwood)
Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season
Set hooks-50

Black River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*
Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Broad River: Includes the waters from the North Carolina state line to the confluence of the Broad and Saluda rivers.

Traps 5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 (from Hwy 34 bridge upstream)

Bull Creek-Horry & Georgetown Counties:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Eel pots-No limit

Traps-50*

Buffalo Creek:

Seines-1

Bush River-Laurens Co:

Seines-1

Combahee River:

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit

Congaree River: From the Gervais Street Bridge in Columbia to the I-77 Bridge in Columbia.

Traps-50*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

Congaree River: From the I-77 Bridge to confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers.

Traps-10 max. w/ commercial lic.

Trotlines-2000 hooks total*

Hoop nets-10 w/commercial lic. (see Markers & Identification)

Set hooks-50

Cooper River: Traps, trotlines, set hooks and eel pots are not permitted upstream from Wadboo Creek

Traps-50*

Trotline-150 hooks total

Fyke Nets-As allowed for eel fishing by regulation

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit

Pump nets-No limit

Coosawhatchie & Tullifinny rivers:

Set hooks-50

Mallards Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Mims Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Shuler Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Woods Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Bridge Lake-Dorchester Co.:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Little Pond Lake-Dorchester Co.:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Steed's Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

John's Hole Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Rock's Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Mouth of Four Holes Lake-

Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Durbin Creek:

Seines-1

Edisto River:

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-no limit

Enoree River:

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 from Southern Railroad

in Greenville Co. downstream

Great Pee Dee River: From I-95 to NC state line.

Traps-50*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

North of SC 34 only

Great Pee Dee River: From I-95 to the saltwater line.

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-Below Highway 701

bridge only, no limit

Traps-50*

Jefferies Creek-Florence Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Lake Greenwood:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Jugs-50

Lake Hartwell:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Lake Jocassee:

All nongame devices prohibited, including cast nets.

Lake Keowee:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Lakes Marion and Moultrie:

Waters between confluence of

Wateree and Congaree rivers and

backwaters of Lake Marion are

considered a part of Lake Marion.

Traps-50*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total*

Lake Murray:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Lake Richard B. Russell:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Jugs-50

Lake Secession:

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Jugs-50

Lake Thurmond & Stevens

Creek Reservoir:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Jugs-50

Lake Wateree:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Catawba River: From Lake Wylie

Dam to the backwaters of Lake

Wateree, including all reservoirs.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 in York Co. only

Lake Wylie:

Traps-5*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Little River:

Seines-1 from Mars Bridge in

McCormick Co. upstream

Little Pee Dee River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Log Creek-Edgefield Co:

Seines-1

Long Cane Creek: Above

Patterson Bridge

Seines-1

Louder's Lake-Darlington Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Lumber River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Lynches River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Monticello Res. & Sub-Impound.

Nongame devices prohibited

Mulberry Creek-Greenwood Co:

Seines-1

New River:

Set hooks-50

Old River:

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Pacolet River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Seines-1

Rabon Creek in Laurens Co:

Seines-1

Redbank Creek-Saluda Co. west

of Highway 121:

Seines-1

Reedy River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Seines-1 from Southern RR in

Greenville Co. downstream

Rocky River-Anderson Co:

Seines-1

Salkehatchie River:

Set hooks-50

Saluda River: From Southern RR

Trestle in Greenville Co. to

backwaters of Lake Greenwood

and from Lake Greenwood Dam

to backwaters of Lake Murray.

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Seines-1 in Anderson, Laurens and

Greenville cos. only except in

Anderson Co. seines may be used

in river tributaries.

Saluda River: From Lake Murray

Dam to the Gervais St. Bridge in

Columbia.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Sampit River:

Nongame gill nets in season

Traps-50*

Set hooks-50

Santee River: downstream from

Wilson Dam on Lake Marion. No

nongame gear (except skimbrow

nets) allowed upstream of

U.S.G.S. Gauging Station 1715

about 2.4 miles below Santee

Dam.

Traps-50*

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Eel pots-No limit

Savannah River: Below Stevens

Creek Dam.

Traps-50*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

Set hooks-50

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-2000 hooks total*

Eel pots-No limit

Stevens Creek: Above Clark's

Hill Bridge.

Seines-1

Thicketty Creek-Cherokee Co.:

Seines-1

Turkey Creek-Edgefield &

Greenwood Cos.

Seines-1

Twelve-Mile Creek:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Tyger River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Seines-1

Waccamaw River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit below junction

of Big Bull Creek

Warrior Creek-Laurens Co:

Seines-1

Wateree River:

Saltwater Fishing in South Carolina

General Information

The following laws pertain mainly to non-commercial saltwater fishing, crabbing and shellfishing for personal consumption.

Individuals (age 16 and older) harvesting oysters or clams or individuals fishing for marine finfish from privately owned boats must purchase a Marine Recreational Fisheries License.

Fishing piers and chartered vessels charging a fee for fishing and those offering fishing boats for rent must purchase a Marine Recreational Fisheries permit annually. Applications for Pier and Charter Vessel Permits are available from the DNR office in Charleston.

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

For more information contact: SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, (843) 953-9300.

For federal fishery limits and regulations, contact: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407, (843) 571-4366.

Annual License & Permit Fees

Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License

Resident License	\$10
Non-Resident License	\$35

Shrimp Baiting License

Resident License	\$25
Non-Resident License	\$500

Commercial Pier License (>100)

Commercial Pier License (≤100)

Charter Vessel Permit

(6 or less passengers)	\$150
(7-49 passengers)	\$250
(50 or more passengers)	\$350

Rental Boat License

	\$40
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Saltwater Fishing Methods & Devices

Hook and Line

Permits/License: Marine Recreational Fisheries License required when fishing from privately owned boats or when transporting catch in privately owned boats.

Seasons: No closed season

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

Permits/Licenses: Marine Recreational Fisheries License.

Restrictions:

- 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 salt waters from the northern tip of North Island to the northern tip of Magnolia Beach during daylight hours.

Bangsticks

- 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.

Cast Nets (Other than Shrimp)

Permits/Licenses: Marine Recreational Fisheries License.

Seines & Gill Nets

(Anchor, Set, Stake & Drift Nets)

Permits/Licenses:

- Gill nets, haul seines (except shrimp seines under 40 ft.), \$10 for each 100 net ft. or fraction thereof.
- Powerboats transporting nets or other commercial fishing equipment must have vessel decals.

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

Restrictions:

- Red drum and spotted seatrout may not be taken by nets. Sharks may not be taken by gill nets
- Gill nets must be no longer than 100 yards with a 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size and may be used only in unrestricted areas of the Atlantic Ocean or in special designated areas.

- Gill nets must be marked with one end bouy that is international orange in color with the name and address of owner. Operator must be within 500 feet of the net 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.

- Gill net users must be within 500 feet or hailing distance from the net at all times.

- 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.

Size & Catch Limits for Saltwater Fish

Note: Fishery Regulations are subject to change.

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length
State Waters extend from the saltwater-freshwater dividing line to the 3-mile limit.
AIW=Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
Federal Waters extend from the 3-mile limit to 200 miles offshore (international waters).

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

Sport Fish

Channel Bass (Red Drum/Spottail)

Limit: 2 per person per day (state waters)

Size: 15-inch minimum (TL) and 24-inch maximum (TL) (state waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- May not be harvested from federal waters. South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

Spotted Seatrout

Limit: 10 per person per day (state waters)

Size: 13-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

Flounders (Southern & Summer)

Limit: Rod & reel or gigging only - 20 per person per day (state waters)

Size: 12-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Size limits apply to both recreational & commercial fishing.

Striped Bass

Limit: 10 per person per day **except** 5 per day in Wando & Cooper rivers and Santee River downstream to the AIW.

Size: None in salt waters, **except** 21-inch minimum in the Wando & Cooper rivers and Santee River above the AIW.

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round & may not be sold (state waters).
- Unlawful to take or attempt to take in saltwaters of the Savannah River.

Bluefish

Limit: 15 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions: No closed season

King Mackerel

Limit: 3 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: 24-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Federal commercial mackerel permit needed to exceed catch limit.
- January 1 to December 31, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

Spanish Mackerel

Limit: 15 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: 12-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Federal commercial mackerel permit needed to exceed catch limit.
- January 1 to December 31, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

Cobia

Limit: 2 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: 33-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season
- Federal commercial mackerel permit needed to exceed catch limit.

Tarpon

Limit: 1 per person per day (state waters)

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel & may not be sold.

Greater Amberjack

Limit: 1 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: 28-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Commercial harvest restrictions during April. Prohibits sale of fish harvested under bag limit when season is closed.

Sheepshead, Spadefish

Catch Limit: No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with the snapper grouper complex species listed on this page.

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Bluerunners and tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.

Dolphin

Catch Limit: 7 per person or 26 per boat per day (state & federal waters); headboats may have up to 50 per boat per day.

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions: No closed season

Atlantic Tunas

Yellowfin Tuna

Limit: 3 per person per day.

Size: 27-inch minimum (FL) (federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Federal Permit required.

Bigeye, Bluefin Tuna

Limit: Check current Federal Regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA.

Size: 27-inch minimum (FL) (federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Federal Permit required.

Albacore, Skipjack

Limit: None

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Federal Permit required.

Porgies & Snappers

Red Porgy

Seasons/Restrictions:

- 1 per person per day.
- 14-inch minimum (TL).

Vermilion Snapper

Limit: 10 per person per day (state & federal waters) (recreational)

Size: 11-inch minimum (TL) recreational size limit; 12-inch minimum (TL) commercial size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season

Other Snappers (Excluding Vermilion)

Red Snapper	20-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Lane Snapper	8-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Black Snapper	No size limit No closed season
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Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray, Mahogany, Silk, Schoolmaster & Queen Snapper	12-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Mutton Snapper	16-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Limit:

- 10 per person per day from this group (including all snapper species except Vermilion), and no more than 2 Red Snapper may be included in the total (state & federal waters).

Hogfish

Limit: None

Size: 12-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season

Sea Bass, Grouper & Tilefish

Black Seabass

Limit: 20 per person per day

Size: 10-inch minimum (TL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season

Grouper Tilefish Combinations

Gag & Black	24-inch minimum (TL)
Grouper	See restrictions

Scamp, Red, Yellowfin &	20-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Yellowmouth Groupers

Snowy Grouper

Yellowedge Grouper

Golden Tilefish No size limit

Sand Tilefish No closed season

Blueline Tilefish

Limits:

- 5 per person per day from this group, and no more than 2 Gag or Black Groupers may be included in the total (state & federal waters).

Restrictions:

- Purchase and sale of Gag or Black Grouper is prohibited during March & April.

Warsaw, Speckled Hind Groupers

Limit: 1 warsaw and 1 speckled hind per vessel per trip

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season.
- Purchase and/or sale is prohibited.

Nassau Grouper, Jewfish

Limit: Possession is prohibited

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No open season

All Other Snapper Grouper

Complex Species Combined

Species: Including but not limited to: Gray, Queen and Ocean Triggerfish; Whitebone, Knobbed, Jolthead, Saucereye, Grass and Longspine Porgies; Scup, Sheepshead, Almaco, Bar, Crevalle and Yellow Jacks; Lesser Amberjack; Banded Rudderfish; Bluestripe, White, Smallmouth, French and Spanish grunts; Black Margate; Margate; Porkfish; Cottonwick; Sailors Choice; Spadefish; Puddingwife; Bank Sea Bass; Rock Sea Bass

Limit: 20 per person per day from this group

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Bluerunners and tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.
- No closed season.

Sharks

Dogfish (Spiny & Smooth)

Limit: None (state & federal waters)

Size: No size limit

Atlantic Sharpnose

Limit: 1 per person per day

Size: No size limit

Sandbar, Silky, Blacktip, Spinner, Bull, Tiger, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Great Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Blacknose, Finetooth, Bonnethead, Shortfin Mako, Thresher, Porbeagle, Oceanic Whitetip and Blue Sharks

Limit: 1 shark per boat per trip from this group.

Size: 54-inch minimum (FL)

Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Whale, Basking, White, Dusky, Bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean Reef, Narrowtooth, Caribbean Sharpnose, Smalltail, Atlantic Angel, Longfin Mako, Bigeye Thresher, Sevengill, Sixgill and Bigeye Sixgill Sharks

Limit: Possession is prohibited

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No open season. Sharks from this group may not be kept. If caught, sharks from this group must be released immediately.

Special Information

Special Management Zones - The following Artificial Reefs have been declared "Special Management Zones" and are protected by federal regulations: *BP-25, Betsy Ross, Bill Perry, Cape Romain, Capers, Comanche, Eagles Nest, Edisto Offshore, Fripp Island, Georgetown, Hilton Head, Hunting Island, Kiawah, Little River Offshore, Paradise, Pawley's Island, Ten Mile, Vermilion and Y-73*. Fishing may be conducted only with 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).

Unlawful to Sell Gamefish - The following species have been declared gamefish and native caught fish may not be sold; red drum (channel bass), spotted seatrout, striped bass and tarpon. The purchase, barter, trade, or sell 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 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 bottle-nose 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.

Billfish

Blue Marlin

Size: 99-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

White Marlin

Size: 66-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

Sailfish

Limit: None

Size: 63-inch minimum (FL) (state & federal waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

Sturgeon & Shad

Shortnose sturgeon

Limit: Possession is prohibited

Seasons/Restrictions:

- Unlawful to catch, buy, sell or ship. Classified as an endangered species.

Atlantic sturgeon

Limit: Possession is prohibited (state waters)

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No open season until further notice. Unlawful to catch, buy, sell or ship.

American Shad, Herring

Limit: 10 Shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion canal (20 per person per day).
1 U.S. bushel of Herring per person per day.

Size: No size limit

Seasons/Restrictions:

- No closed season for recreational fishing with hook & line, including rod & reel.

Shrimp Harvesting

Catch Limits for Shrimp

Certain exemptions apply to permitted charter vessels and licensed bait dealers. For information contact SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422 or call 843-953-9300.

Taking Shrimp Without Bait

Permits/Licenses: None for personal use

Limits/Seasons:

- 48 Quarts whole or 29 quarts headed shrimp per boat, or per person per day if no boat is used or among seining parties. May 1 - Dec. 15.
- 12 dozen dead or live shrimp per boat Dec. 16 through April 30

Shrimp Baiting

Permits/Licenses: Shrimp Baiting Permit and pole marker tags required. A permit is not required for residents assisting permit holders. Permits available after August 1.

Seasons: 60-day period set by SCDNR beginning at 12:00 noon on the last Friday on or before Sept. 15.

Limits:

- 48 Quarts whole or 29 quarts headed shrimp per boat, or per person per day if no boat is used or among seining parties.
- Restrictions:**
- Shrimp caught over bait cannot be sold.
 - No more than 10 poles can be used per day. Poles may not exceed 1-inch in diameter, and must have a numbered tag attached which corresponds with the shrimp baiting permit. Each pole must also be marked with reflective tape.
 - All poles must be set within 100 yards, and the distance between each set of poles must be at least 25 yards. Poles may not be set within 50 yards of any dock, public landing or boat ramp. Unattended poles will be confiscated.
 - The owner of a private dock or person with written permission may bait from that dock once properly licensed.
 - Shrimp pots or traps are prohibited.
 - Individuals who are: 1) officers of a corporation which, owns a vessel specified on a trawl license, 2) masters of a vessel specified on a trawl license application; 3) licensed to use a channel net; 4) licensed to use a cast net for a commercial purpose; or 4) licensed as a wholesale seafood dealer may not obtain a shrimp baiting license.
 - Effective July 1, 2002 cast nets used for taking shrimp over bait must have a minimum mesh size of ½ inch square.

Shrimp Seines

Permits/Licenses: None for personal use

Seasons: No closed season

Restrictions:

- Maximum length of shrimp seine, 40 feet; minimum mesh size, 1/2 inch square mesh nylon (9/16 inch square mesh cotton).
- Tail bags or pockets are allowed on seines when pulled by hand only through July 1, 2003.
- Staked seines are considered commercial channel net devices, and allowances and restrictions are provided with the purchase of a commercial license.
- One limit per seine per day.

Trawling

Permits/Licenses: Commercial Fishing, Boat 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 license.

Crab, Lobster & Shellfish Harvesting

Blue crabs

Limit: None (state waters)

Size: 5-inch minimum carapace width (point to point)

Restrictions:

- Female blue crabs with egg mass (sponge) must be returned to water unharmed immediately.
- Not more than two pots or traps per person, with owner's name attached to the float, for recreational purposes.

Stone crabs

Limit: None (state waters)

Size: Claws must be 2 3/4-inch minimum forearm (propodus)

Restrictions:

- Only the larger of two claws may be kept.
- It is unlawful to possess any stone crab body, live or dead.
- No claw may be removed from a female with egg mass.

Spiny lobster

Limit: 2 per person per day (state & federal waters)

Size: 3-inch minimum carapace

Restrictions:

- No closed season.
- Removal of tail at sea prohibited.

- No harvest of berried females is allowed.
- No explosives, poisons, spears, or piercing devices other than fishing hooks are allowed.

Oysters

Limit: 2 U.S. bushels per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No person may harvest oysters recreationally on more than two calendar days per any seven day period. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

Size: None

Restrictions:

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 14; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.
- A person may harvest recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

Clams

Limit: 1/2 U.S. bushel per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No person may harvest clams recreationally on more than two calendar days per any seven day period. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

Size: 1-inch minimum thickness

Restrictions:

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 14; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.
- A person may harvest recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

Crab, Lobster & Shellfish Methods & Devices

Crab Pots

Permits/Licenses: None for up to two pots.

A Commercial Fishing, Boat Decal, and Gear License is required for over two pots plus a Pot License. (Other information is provided with licenses.)

Seasons: No closed season

Restrictions:

- If unattended, each pot must bear name 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 100 yards of a public boat landing or launching area or set so as to be left dry at low tide.
- A float attached to a crab pot or trap must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink upon being punctured or cracked. The floats must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam, or cork. The primary float for a recreational pot or trap must be yellow in color and at least ten inches in length if rectangular, cylindrical, or conical and at least five inches in diameter or width. Round or spherical floats must be at least six inches in diameter. Buoy lines for crab pots must be made of nonfloating material.

Gathering Shellfish (Oysters & Clams)

Permits/Licenses: Marine Recreational Fisheries License

Seasons: Typically Sept. 16 through May 14 (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset)

Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to use scoops, scrapes, tongs, or dredges to take shellfish without a permit.
- Shellfish may be harvested recreationally from State shellfish grounds and Public shellfish grounds. Most 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.



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SHRIMP BAITING PERMIT APPLICATION

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Marine Resources Division

Social Security No. _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Telephone _____

Drivers License No. _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex (M) (F) Race _____

I understand that persons whose recreational privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR recreational licenses, permits, stamps, or tags.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please review the above information, sign and return with the appropriate fee to either of the mailing addresses.

Note: Applications with incomplete information will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

Residents: Submit \$25.00 check or money order payable to SCDNR with application. (Non-residents, \$500.00 Cashiers Check or Money Order only.)

SCDNR License Office:
PO Box 12559
Charleston, SC 29422-2559
(843) 762-5053 or 5078

SCDNR License Office:
PO Box 11710
Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 734-3833



2002 Marine Recreational Fisheries License Report

Introduction

The Marine Recreational Fisheries License Program continues to play an important role in SCDNR's efforts to conserve and manage the state's marine recreational fisheries by providing information and needed funding. The License provides a means to count and survey boat anglers and shellfishers. It is a way to generate revenues that are used for programs, operations and activities that benefit the recreational saltwater angler and the resources they target. Since it's effective date of 1 July 1992, the program has sold approximately 845,649 stamps/licenses to fishermen and 47,112 stamps to collectors. Art collectors and conservationists have purchased approximately 12,774 limited edition and medallion prints by artists such as Diane Peebles, Tom Krause and South Carolina's own Bernie Slice and Mathew Constantine. The program has generated \$5.1 M in net revenues with approximately 86% (\$4.4M) from the sale of stamps/licenses, 7% from the sale of annual permits, 6% from print sales and the remainder from art contest fees and other activities.

During the period May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001 a total of \$652,114 was generated by the program. Summaries of revenues collected during the 2000/01 period and funding allocations for the 2001/02 period are depicted graphically in Figure 1. The law stipulates that no more than 25% of the revenues generated for a given year may be used for administration and law enforcement activities. Of the funds available, \$18,846 was used to publish the print and pay artist royalties, \$31,663 was used to administer the program, \$126,654 was provided for coastal law enforcement, leaving \$474,951 to fund eligible projects and activities. This year the Marine Recreational Saltwater Advisory Committee elected to use it's unobligated fisheries funds of \$77,410. In addition, we were able to recoup \$34,590 of unspent funds from past projects and activities that had been completed, bringing the total amount allocated this year for programs and activities to \$586,951.

Saltwater License Program Success Story – Recycle for “Research”

This was a year of new records for the fish carcass collection program. During the year we maintained collection points at the Folly Beach Fishing Pier, the Folly Road Tackle Shop and Haddrell's Point Tackle and Supply, Georgetown Angler's Mini Mart, James Island Yacht Club, Schilling Boat House and Fort Johnson.

Collections for the year totaled 665 fish carcasses. Species donated include black drum (27), red drum (129), sheepshead (264), southern flounder (83), spotted seatrout (160), plus weakfish (2). While we do not solicit carcasses from weakfish, they are of benefit to our research and thus gratefully accepted. In addition, program personnel attended 6 fishing tournaments to obtain similar information on their catches and explain the program.

The donated specimens provide SCDNR with a great deal of data from animals that had been harvested by the public, thus involving dozens of anglers in the management of their fishery resources. It is especially gratifying that we can collect such valuable information without the sacrifice of additional fishes. The carcasses are measured, examined to determine sex and maturity, and aged by looking at the ear bones (otoliths). On a monthly basis, contributing anglers receive reports of contributions and are rewarded with a custom designed T-shirt with a design encouraging them to “recycle” their fish for research.

2001/02 Activities

Artificial Reefs – Twenty artificial reef construction projects were completed on fifteen different permitted sites during 2001. This included the sinking of 6 deck barges, 19 steel cable reels, 645 concrete reef units, 92 shipping containers, 3 army tanks and large amounts of concrete rubble. Reefs were periodically monitored using SCUBA to document reef condition, obtain fish counts and video footage. In addition damaged and missing buoys were replaced. - \$115,000

Finfish Management – Conservation and angler ethics are promoted through the Gamefish Tagging Program. During this period 4,045 fish were tagged and 445 tagged fish were recaptured of which 71% were rereleased. A new activity directed at tagging dolphin was initiated this year. This will provide information on growth and migration patterns of these popular gamefish. The SC Governor's Cup Program is also providing matching funds for this activity. A new pilot project to stock red drum was also initiated this year. Adult fish are conditioned and spawned. Small fry are reared in ponds and approximately 1M fish were released in nursery areas in the Ashley and Wando rivers to assess growth and survival - \$154,951

Finfish Research - The Fish Carcass Collection Program successfully collected wracks from cooperating anglers. (See above) - \$110,000

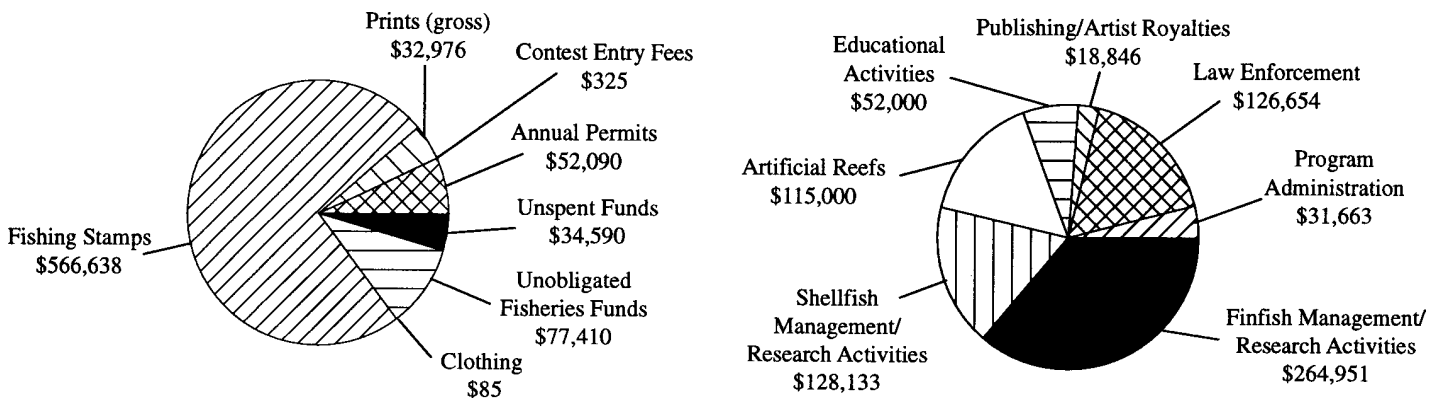
Shellfish Management – All public shellfish grounds were inspected and signs were replaced as needed. A new shell recycling program was started to encourage oyster eaters to recycle their shell. A total of 5850 bushels of oyster and whelk shell was placed on two public grounds in Charleston county. A total of 1,339 bu. of shell was picked up from local oyster roasts, caterers and restaurants. Eight shell recycling drop off centers were built and five storage areas were established. Shellfish maps are available to the public free of charge by writing: Recreational Shellfish Maps, Office of Fisheries Management, SCDNR, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston S.C. 29422-2559 or by calling (843) 953-9300, ext 2027 or from the SCDNR Web site ([HTTP://WWW.DNR.STATE.SC.US](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us)) - \$66,867

Shellfish Research – A three year project to determine the impact oyster harvesting and die-offs have on intertidal reef habitat is being investigated. Results should provide managers with information on the impact of harvesting levels and die-offs on habitat quality, resources sustainability and recovery. In addition all public grounds are monitored and their status determined for restoration purposes - \$88,133

Education and Information – The Coastal Information Distribution System continues to provide informational packages and publications up and down the entire coast of South Carolina. Popular natural history publications on spotted seatrout and red drum, the SeaScience series, maps, rules and regulations and FishRulers are just a few of materials available to the angling public. Updated “FishRulers” were reprinted and distributed free of charge. A symposium on the impacts of methylmercury in seafood was held on April 9-10, 2001- \$52,000

For information on the Marine Recreational Fisheries License Program in South Carolina, contact Wayne Waltz, Assistant Director, Office of Fisheries Management, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, South Carolina 29422, (843) 762-5094.

Figure 1. Source of revenue collected in 2000/01 and how the Marine Recreational Fisheries License Program allocated those funds in 2001/02.



Hunting Rules & Regs

in South Carolina

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

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on the types of licenses and permits is located in the License fees chapter of this book. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained.

Basic Information on Hunting:

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

Game Zones & WMAs - South Carolina is divided into eleven game zones, as defined on the map below.

DNR sets and regulates the methods of harvest, bag limits and other requirements for hunting big game (deer, turkey and bear) on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and private lands within game zones 1, 2 and 4. This area encompasses the upstate counties and includes the Mountain, Central and Western Piedmont hunt units.

The SC General Assembly sets regulations for all of the other game zones (3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11), which encompass the midlands and lower coastal counties. DNR regulates WMA lands within these counties and 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: Alligators, birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites and vultures), nongame birds (except English sparrows, pigeons and starlings) and cougars (also known as pumas or mountain lions).

Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

The importation or sale of live wolves or coyotes is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations. A person may not have a live wolf or coyote in his possession without a SCDNR permit.

Alligators - It is unlawful to feed or entice an American alligator with food.

Alligators may only be taken under the SCDNR Private Lands Alligator Management Program. Tags are issued only to landowners or designees in selected coastal areas with suitable habitat. For information about the program and licensing requirements for taking, possession and sale of alligators or their products contact the Alligator Project Supervisor (843) 825-3387.

Armadillos are not a protected species, however, a hunting license is required to hunt armadillos. Harvesting armadillos on WMA lands is limited to the current open season and weapons that are in effect for game species on the WMA.

Bear - It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part. Transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear parts is unlawful except during bear season. Any person violating these offenses must be fined not more than \$2500 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 use any type of bait to concentrate the bear population in any area or to lure them to any locations which gives the hunter an unnatural advantage when hunting bear.

All harvested bear must be reported to the SCDNR Clemson office or 864-654-1671 within 24 hours of harvest.

Participants in party dog hunts for bear must register before Sept. 15 with SCDNR. 25 members maximum per party. Write: SCDNR, 153 Hopewell Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670.

Crows - A hunting (HIP) license and free Migratory Bird Permit are required to hunt crows. Crows are migratory birds and as such, are a federally protected species. The season is based on criteria established by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The open season for crows on private lands in South Carolina is November 1 - March 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 WMA's, 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 without a federal permit (50 CFR 21.43).

Deer - Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset.

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

Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited.

It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner or occupant, except that a landowner may hunt on his own land.

Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

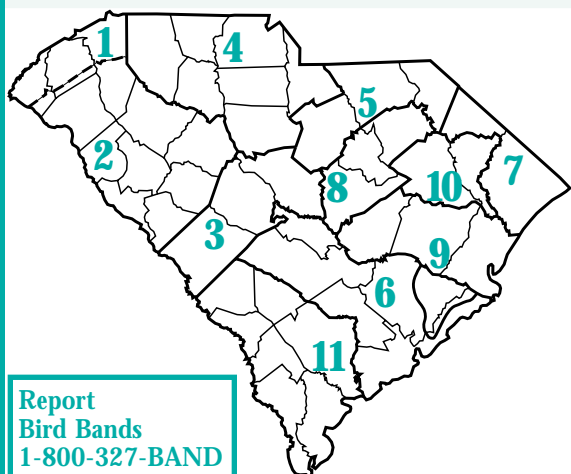
Antlerless Deer - An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline.

Antlerless deer may not be possessed, hunted, shot or in any way killed except during special seasons or by special permit.

Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section beginning on page 30.

Optional antlerless deer tag programs that hunters may choose to participate in include

South Carolina Game Zones



the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** and the **Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP)**. Both programs are in effect statewide.

With the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** hunters can purchase up to 4 tags per person, for \$5 each, which can be used on any day open to deer hunting with the following Game Zone restrictions: **Game Zone 1, 2, & 4** (Mountains and Central and Western Piedmont); tags are valid on public or private land starting Oct. 1. Utilization is limited to 2 tags per person only in **Game Zone 1. Game Zones 3 & 5-11** (Coastal Plain); tags are valid on private lands only starting Sept. 15. Tags are also valid on Sand Hills State Forest WMA in Chesterfield Co. and North Dike WMA in Berkeley Co. during any open season for deer starting Sept. 15. Tags do not have to be used on scheduled 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.

All persons purchasing tags in past years will be sent a renewal notice in June. New applicants may complete an application (provided on page 39) or pick up an application at any license agent beginning in mid June. The possession and use of these tags are limited to the purchaser.

Antlerless Deer Quota Program - Antlerless deer quotas are issued to qualifying land owners or lessees statewide who complete and submit an application along with a \$50 fee prior to July 20, each year. This program is generally better suited for landowners or lessees with larger acreages. Under the ADQP, a quota of tags is issued for a particular tract of land based on criteria including; density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land, and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

Utilization of tags issued under the ADQP are subject to the following Game Zone restrictions. Game Zone 1 (mountains) tags are valid beginning Oct. 1. Game Zones 2 & 4 (central & western piedmont) and Game Zones 3 & 5-11 (coastal plain) beginning Sept. 15. (When Sept. 15 is a Sunday, NO Sunday hunting for deer in Game Zone 2). Tags issued for a particular tract of land can only be used on that tract and they must be used on all antlerless deer that are harvested including antlerless deer harvested on either-sex days or by bow and arrow in Game Zones 1, 2, & 4. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

NOTE: Hunters are advised that SC Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) lands open to public hunting and not enrolled in the WMA program are closed to either-sex deer hunting.

Feral Hogs and Coyotes - A hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs and coyotes and they may not be hunted at night. There is no closed season or weapons restrictions for hunting

feral hogs and coyotes on private lands statewide with the following exceptions; in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4 during turkey season, hogs may only be taken with weapons legal for turkey, in Game Zone 1 it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition greater than .22 rimfire except during deer and bear season (50-11-380) and in Game Zone 9 hunting with firearms is prohibited from May 1 - Aug. 31 (50-11-130). Feral hog and coyote hunting on WMA lands is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted. (See individual WMAs). On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs and coyotes 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 30. No Sunday hunting on WMA lands. The use of electronic calls for feral hog and coyote hunting is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for feral hogs and coyotes is allowed year-round on private lands statewide. However, during still gun hunts for deer and bear, feral hogs may not be hunted with dogs on any WMA or private lands in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4. The possession or transport of live coyotes is unlawful (50-11-1765). No hogs may be taken live from any WMA in the state.

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 department: a member of the family Cervidae (deer, moose, elk, etc.), coyote, bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel and beaver), a nondomestic member of the families Suidae or Tayassuidae (pigs), Bovidae (bison, mountain goat, mountain sheep). 50-16-20

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

Turkey - Season dates: Game Zones 6 & 11, private land only, March 15-May 1. Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, April 1-May 1. Turkey tags and brochures containing regulations, season dates and limits available in February through DNR offices and Big Game Check Stations only. Must present hunting license and big game permit to receive tags.

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 March 1.

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

Effective July 1, 1998, anyone over 16 or all licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds in the United States must have a permit and complete a short questionnaire before hunting. Free permits

are available at license vendors.

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 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 is strictly prohibited.
- All hunting hours end at official sunset.
- Lead shot is prohibited for waterfowl hunting.
- State and Federal Waterfowl stamps are required for hunting ducks, geese, coots and gallinules. (See exceptions in License section on page 6)

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

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

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

Crossbows - Crossbows, blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are prohibited on WMAs except as provided in WMA Regs. Weapons 3.2 on page 25. Crossbows may be used on private lands and WMA lands statewide during firearms and muzzleloader season only for deer and bear.

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 hunters name, address, and tag number appears on the face of the tag. Deer processors should recognize that it is unlawful to sell deer meat to regain the processing fee for deer that have not been picked-up by the owner (50-11-1910). The best practice is to take a

deposit for the processing service when deer are left at the facility. If meat is not picked-up by the owner it can be given to another individual at no charge.

Field Trials - It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

Hunting from Public Roads - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying, or having readily accessible, a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See **WMA Regulations Page 24** for restrictions on WMA lands.

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

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

Night Hunting - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink and skunk may be hunted at night; however, they may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs, or with buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any rifle ammunition larger than .22 rimfire. 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 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 and dog season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands.

Running Seasons (No gun season) - During any period when rabbits, raccoons,

opossums or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on ones person or in ones vehicle any firearm.

Shining - The use of artificial lights from any vehicle or water conveyance for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful after 11 p.m. Shining is unlawful at any time in Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. (50-11-700)

Selling Game Animals - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife. Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact DNR for specifics.

Sunday Hunting - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands in game Zones 1, 2 & 4, big game (deer, turkey and bear) hunting is prohibited on Sundays except deer hunting is permitted on Sundays in Game Zone 4. Small game may be hunted on Sundays on private lands in all game zones during open seasons for small game. **Turkey may be hunted on Sundays on private lands in Game Zone 4 during the open season for hunting turkey.**

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 25.

Trapping - Regulations are available in a separate brochure.

Trespass - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or trapping without the consent of the landowner or manager.

WMA Abuse - Any person who damages or destroys WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences or leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property or sets, makes, or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated by the department or landowner as a campfire area) 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 and have their privilege to enter WMA lands revoked for one year. **A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing, or misusing Wildlife Management Area land twice in a three year period shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year.**

Rifle Ranges

SCDNR operates two rifle ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Greenville office at 864-288-1131.

Pickens County Range - From Easley, take

SC Hwy. 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile, 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) and 10 am - 6 pm (DST) Closed Sunday and Monday.

Spartanburg County Range - From Pauline, take SC Hwy. 215 approximately ½ mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Road and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 6 pm Closed Sunday and Monday.

Manchester State Forest Rifle Range: (Sumter County) Open Saturday 8:30 am - 11:30 am, Sunday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. \$3.00 per day or \$15.00 per year. Hearing protection required. For more info call 803-494-8196.

US Forest Service Rifle Ranges

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey Hunting regulations and seasons on private and WMA lands are published in the Turkey brochure available in March. Season dates: Game Zones 6 & 11, private land only, March 15-May 1. Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, April 1-May 1.

Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting regulations and seasons are published in the Migratory Bird brochure in mid-September.



WMA Regulations

in South Carolina

WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$100 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in July, waterfowl and quail hunts in September, and youth/adult only turkey hunts in February. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on the inside front cover) or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.sc.us>.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

On all DNR owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts 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 authorizes the promulgation of WMA regulations.

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

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

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

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

2.5 No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

2.6 On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited.

As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait.

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

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

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

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

2.11 While hunting on Department-owned WMA's, no person may consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

WEAPONS

3.1 On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, long bow or hand gun except that 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 rimfire rifles or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.). The use of crossbows during any archery only season is unlawful except as allowed by 50-11-565.

3.2 For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow 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; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer in a "disk" type ignition system is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted. Crossbows may be used on WMA and private lands only during firearms and muzzleloader seasons for deer and bear.

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

3.4 On DNR-owned WMA's during periods when hunting is permitted, all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle or rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber or 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 Department-owned 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 shooting from, on or across any railroad right-of-way or designated recreational trail on U.S. Forest Service or S.C. Public Service Authority property.

DEER

NOTE: The regulations for hunting deer on private lands in Game Zones 1, 2, & 4 are contained on Page 26 of the Brochure.

4.1 On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on either-sex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. 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. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game

Zones 1, 2 and 4, man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing, or moving such animals toward other hunters.

4.2 Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows:

- Game Zone 1: The first two Fridays and Saturdays in November.
- Game Zones 2 - 11: (except Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties) Saturday after October 3; every Friday and/or Saturday from October 11 to Thanksgiving day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving day; and the last day of the open season.
- Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties: Saturday after October 3; beginning October 11, the next 2 Fridays and Saturdays, inclusive, and the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving.

DOGS

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

5.2 On all WMA lands in Game Zones 2 and 4, beagles may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer. Beagles may be used from the close of the big game season until the close of the rabbit season. Beagles may be trained for rabbit hunting from September 1 through September 30 (no guns).

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

5.4 The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4. 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 bear season.

VEHICLES

All terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not allowed on any heritage preserve.

6.1 On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, paraplegic means an individual afflicted with paralysis in the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

6.2 On Department-owned WMA lands, motor driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Designated roads and trails on Forest Service lands are those designated with either a name and/or numbered sign. On Forest Service land ATV's can be used only on designated ATV or motorcycle 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. **Enhanced Hunter Access:** In Central and Western Piedmont only hunters will be allowed to use "All Terrain Vehicles" (ATVs) behind gates on certain designated roads closed to regular vehicular traffic from September 16, 2002 through March 1, 2003 ONLY. Roads for this use will be indicated by a stenciled statement "ATV hunting Access Permitted - Primary Roads Only" on the cross piece of the gate. Hunters using ATVs are cautioned not to leave designated primary roads and to avoid damage to trees and highly erodible areas. Hunters are also encouraged to help clean up litter along these roads.

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

VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

7.1 On all WMA lands during the gun and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer and hogs, all hunters must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove and duck are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

CAMPING

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

TRAPPING

9.1 Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

WATERFOWL & DOVE REGULATIONS

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

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

10.3 On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others.

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.

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

10.6 The Clarks Hill Waterfowl area is closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting and other special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

10.7 Santee Cooper WMA is closed to hunting from October 20 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

10.8 Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting during the period 16 Nov.-01 Mar. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.9 Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to hunting access during the period 01 Nov.-01 Feb. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.10 Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelly, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period 01 Nov.-20 Jan. except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period 21 Jan.-01 March is limited to designated areas.

10.11 Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to all access one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. No fishing one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hour are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 a.m. on hunt days. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

10.12 Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15-Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.14 The Francis Marion National Forest, Crackerneck WMA, Palachucola, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA and Webb Wildlife Center are open during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons.

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

10.16 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Oak Lea, Potato Creek Hatchery, Samson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, and Marsh Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

Area	Open dates inclusive	Bag Limits
Biedler Impoundment	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Bear Island	Hunters selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits
Beaverdam	Hunters Selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits
Broad River	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Donnelley	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Dunaway	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Duncan Creek	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Dungannon	Wed. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Enoree River	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Clemson	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Hatchery	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.	Federal Limits
Hickory Top	Federal waterfowl seasons.	Federal Limits
Lake Cunningham	Wed. AM only during during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Marsh	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Monticello Reservoir	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Moultrie	Mon. through Sat. during regular season.	Federal Limits
Oak Lea WMA	Wed. AM only during regular season after Jan. 1.	Federal Limits
Parr Reservoir	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Potato Creek Hatchery	Wed. and Sat. only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Russell Creek	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Samson Island Unit (Bear Island)	Thurs. and Sat. am only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Samworth	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Sandy Beach	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Coastal Reserve	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Cooper	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits

Santee-Delta	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Tibwin	Special hunts by drawing.	Federal Limits
Turtle Island	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Tyger River	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Great Pee Dee	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits
Little Pee Dee River Complex	Wednesdays during Federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits

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

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

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

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

GENERAL REGULATIONS

123-52.Deer Hunting on Private Lands in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4 (50-11-310, 50-11-350, 50-11-390).

- Seasons as filed and listed in this brochure.
- Hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, long bow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts.
- For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow 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; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer in a "disk" type ignition system is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.
- Hunters are not allowed to take deer with military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 rimfire rifles.
- It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4.
- On all private 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.

123-53.Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons (50-11-430)

- The open season for taking by still hunting in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 3rd week in October. 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side.
- The open season for taking bears with the aid of dogs by a party permitted by the Department in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 4th week in October. 3 bears per party, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side. **Maximum party size is 25.** Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

3.All parties must register with SCDNR, 153 Hopewell Road, Pendleton, SC 29670 by September 16. All harvested bear must be reported to the Clemson Wildlife Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 21 within 24 hours of harvest.

Wildlife Management Areas

in South Carolina

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 enables DNR to lease approximately 1.2 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some Heritage Preserves offer game hunting opportunities, and, therefore, are included in the WMA Program.

All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the

public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 28 and 29. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 or call 803-734-3886.

Wildlife Management Area Properties

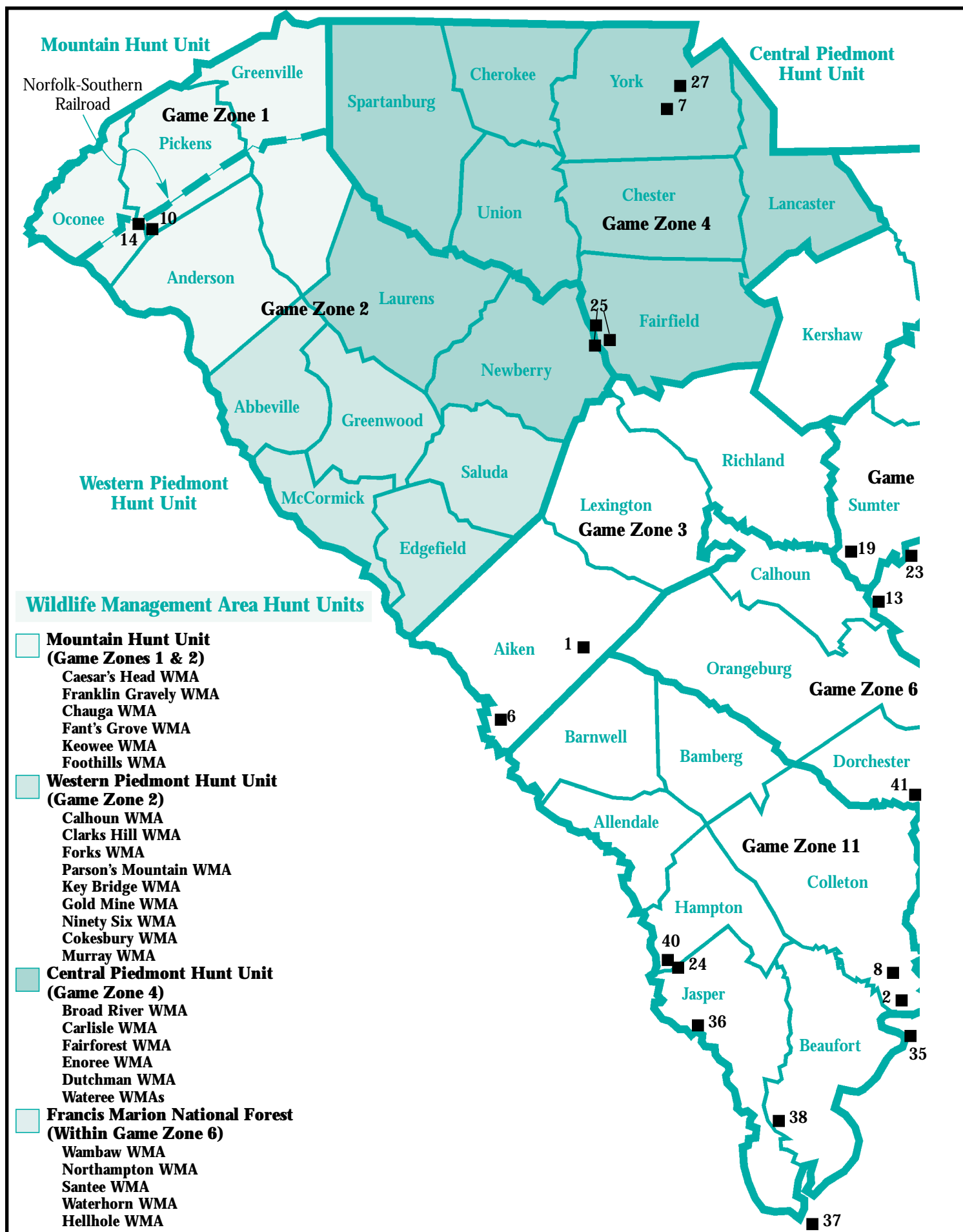
Open dates for each season are listed in the Hunt Seasons section beginning on page 30 of this book.

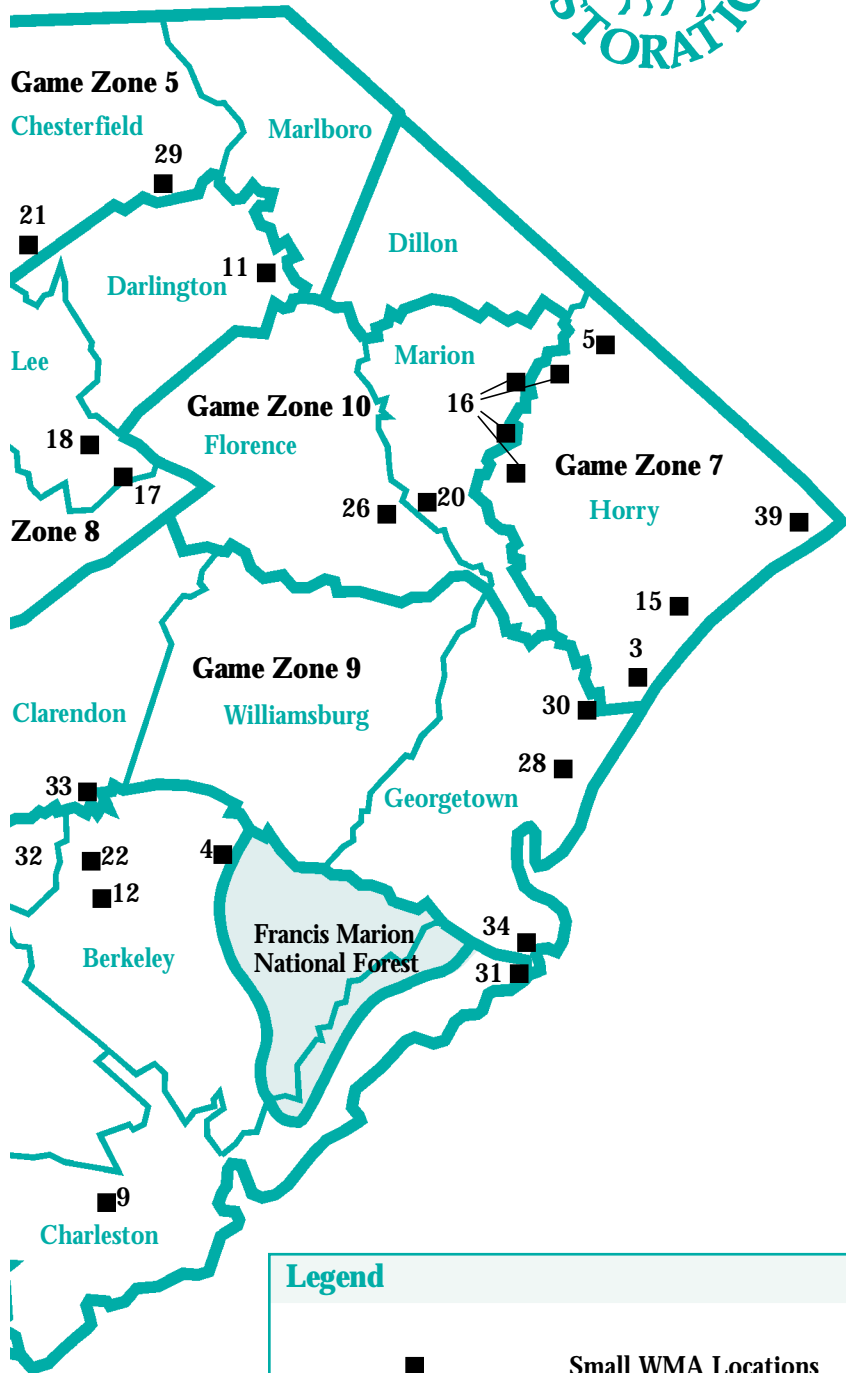
Note: * indicates SCDNR Property.



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

Wildlife Management Area	Acreage	County	Telephone	Hunting Opportunities Available										
				Deer	Hogs	Bear	Turkey	Dove	Waterfowl	Quail	Squirrel	Rabbit	Raccoon	Fox
Bear Island*	12,021	Colleton	843-844-8957	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bucksport	7,661	Horry	843-546-8119	x			x				x		x	
Canal	2,491	Berkeley	843-825-3387					x		x				
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	Horry	843-546-8119	x			x			x		x	x	
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	351,541	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	864-427-4771	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crackerneck	10,470	Aiken	803-725-3663	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Donnelley*	8,048	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Draper*, McConnells*, Ross*	1,360	York	864-427-4771	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Dungannon	600	Charleston	843-825-3387	x					x					
Edisto River	1,375	Dorchester	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Francis Marion National Forest	250,000	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	Darlington	843-546-8119	x	x		x		x		x		x	
Hatchery	2,400	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x					x					
Hickory Top	1,105	Clarendon	843-825-3387	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,343	Horry	843-546-8119	x			x			x	x	x	x	x
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,024	Horry, Marion	843-546-8119	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	Lee	843-546-8119	x						x	x	x		
Lynchburg Savannah	291	Lee	843-546-8119							x		x		
Manchester State Forest	23,135	Sumter	843-661-4768	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh Furniture	8,231	Marion	843-546-8119	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,194	Chesterfield	864-427-4771	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Moultrie	9,480	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mountain Hunt Unit	167,600	Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oak Lea WMA	2,000	Clarendon	843-825-3387	x				x	x		x	x	x	x
Palachucola	6,757	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	Fairfield, Newberry	864-427-4771	x								x	x	
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	Florence	843-546-8119	x			x			x	x	x	x	x
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	263	York	864-427-4771	x										
Samworth*	1,588	Georgetown	843-546-9489					x	x					
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	Chesterfield, Darlington	864-427-4771	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sandy Island	9,165	Georgetown	843-546-8119	x	x									
Santee Coastal*	24,000	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	
Santee Cooper	3,144	Orangeburg	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Dam	575	Clarendon	803-825-3387	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Santee-Delta*	1,722	Georgetown	843-546-9489						x					
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	1,756	Colleton	843-844-8957	x					x					
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	952	Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Turtle Island*	1,700	Jasper	803-625-3569						x					
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,255	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,000	Horry	843-546-8119	x			x	x	x		x		x	
Webb*	5,866	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	162,057	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x





Wildlife Management Areas

- 1) Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA
- 2) Bear Island WMA
- 3) Bucksport WMA
- 4) Canal WMA
- 5) Cartwheel Bay WMA
- 6) Crackerneck WMA
- 7) Draper WMA
- 8) Donnelley WMA
- 9) Dungannon HP WMA
- 10) Fant's Grove WMA
- 11) Great Pee Dee WMA
- 12) Hatchery WMA
- 13) Hickory Top WMA
- 14) Keowee WMA
- 15) Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA
- 16) Little Pee Dee River Complex including:
Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP,
Dargan HP, Ward HP, Upper Gunter's
Island and Huggins Tract
- 17) Longleaf Pine HP WMA
- 18) Lynchburg Savannah WMA
- 19) Manchester State Forest WMA
- 20) Marsh Furniture WMA
- 21) McBee WMA
- 22) Moultrie WMA including: Bluefield and
Greenfield WMAs, Hall and Porcher
WMAs, & North Dike WMA
- 23) Oak Lea WMA
- 24) Palachucola WMA
- 25) Parr Hydroelectric Project including:
Broad River WMA, Parr Reservoir WMA,
Monticello Reservoir WMA
- 26) Pee Dee Station Site WMA
- 27) Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve WMA
- 28) Samworth WMA
- 29) Sand Hills State Forest WMA
- 30) Sandy Island WMA
- 31) Santee Coastal Reserve WMA
- 32) Santee Cooper WMA
- 33) Santee Dam WMA
- 34) Santee-Delta WMA
- 35) St. Helena Sound HP WMA: Otter, Ashe,
Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Is.
- 36) Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA
- 37) Turtle Island WMA
- 38) Victoria Bluff HP WMA
- 39) Waccamaw River HP WMA
- 40) Webb WMA
- 41) Edisto River WMA

Legend



■ Small WMA Locations
 — Game Zone Boundaries
 ■ Hunt Unit Boundaries



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

A chart showing the acreage, county of location, telephone contact number, and hunting opportunities available for certain species is located on page 27.

A vast amount of WMA lands are located in the Mountain, Central and Western Piedmont Hunt Units. The areas on this map show the approximate locations for the major Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina. For detailed maps showing all WMAs contact your local DNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 2) or write: WMA MAPS, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 (803)734-3886. Request by county of interest.



Game Zone 1

Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville counties north of Norfolk Southern Railroad ONLY

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Office, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-1671
Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville 864-288-1131,
153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-8266

Many WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 1. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt. See Regulation 123.52, pg. 26

Deer

- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use is limited to 2 tags per person only in Game Zone 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer and bear.

Deer: Archery

- Limit:** 2 deer total
either sex Oct. 1-10, Dec. 24-Jan. 1
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
 - Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

Deer: Muzzleloaders

- Limit:** 2 deer total
buck only Oct. 1-10
- **No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Dec. 24-Jan. 1**
 - Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

- Limit:** 2 per day, 7 deer total
buck only Oct. 11-16, Oct. 31-Jan. 1
either sex Nov. 1-2, 8-9
- **No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 24-Jan. 1**

Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

- Limit:** 2 per day, 7 deer total
buck only Oct. 11-16, Oct. 31-Dec. 21,
either sex Nov. 1-2, 8-9
- **No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 24-Jan. 1**

Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties ▲

Archery: Keowee WMA

- Limit:** 2 per day, 4 deer total
either sex Oct. 1-Dec. 21
- Total may not include more than 2 bucks

Special Area: Stumphouse WMA (Youth Area) Oconee county ▲

- Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through March 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 carrying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk in use only.

Bear

- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson DNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 21.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer and bear.

Bear: Still Hunt (No dogs)

- Oct. 21-26** 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs

Bear: Party Dog Hunts

- Oct. 28-Nov. 2** 3 bears per party
no bears 100 lbs. or less
no sow with cubs;
- Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

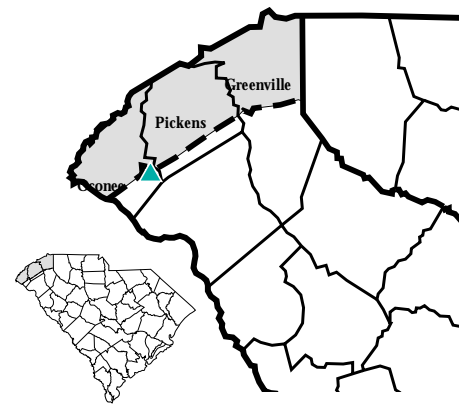
- All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register with SCDNR at 153 Hopewell Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670 by Sept. 16.

Small Game

- *Except during deer and bear seasons, it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition of greater caliber than .22.*
- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.

Special WMA Regulations:

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.
- No small game hunting is allowed from Oct. 1-Oct. 10 on WMAs.
- No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer.



Special Area: Long Creek Tracts Oconee county

Small game only between Thanksgiving Day and March 1. Big game hunting allowed during WMA seasons before Thanksgiving Day.

Dove:

- Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day
Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

- Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day

Squirrel:

- Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

- Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day
Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

- Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Oct. 14 Running season

Mar. 2-May 4 dogs, no guns

Fox:

- Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

- Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Grouse:

- Nov. 28-Mar. 1 3 per day

Crow:

- Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties ▲

- Shotguns only north of Hwy. 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Hwy. Also west of Hwy 291, north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Hwy. 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.

Quail: Keowee WMA

- Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day

Other Small Game: Keowee WMA

- Regular Zone 1 seasons & limits **except** no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 1-Dec. 21.



Game Zone 2

Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda & Edgefield counties and Oconee, Pickens & Greenville counties south of Norfolk Southern Railroad ONLY

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-1671, 2751 Hwy. 72 E., Abbeville 864-223-2731, 124 Wildlife Dr, Union 864-427-4771

Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville 864-288-1131, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-8266, 200 Sheppard Dr, Edgefield 803-637-3397

Many WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 2. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt. See Regulation 123-52, pg. 26.

Deer

- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer.
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) will be allowed behind gates for hunting purposes only on roads marked with signs stating "ATV Hunting Access Permitted/Primary Roads Only" from Sept. 14, 2002- March 1, 2003.

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

buck only Sept. 14

either sex Sept. 16-30

- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons after Sept. 15. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

Deer: Archery on WMA Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

buck only Sept. 14

either-sex Sept. 16-30, Dec. 2-14

Deer: Muzzleloaders

Limit: 2 deer total

buck only Oct. 1-10

either sex Oct. 5

- **No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Dec. 2-14**

- Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan 1

Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Nov. 30, Dec. 16-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

- **No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 2-14.**

Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties ▲

Archery: Keowee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total

either sex Oct. 1-Dec. 21

- Total may not include more than 2 bucks

Special Area: Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties ★

Archery: Fant's Grove WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total

either sex Oct. 15-Dec. 7

- Total may not include more than 1 buck.
- Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side.

Gun Hunts: Fant's Grove WMA

- 2 day gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck

either sex Dec. 8-22

- Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side.

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.
- No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer.
- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.
- No small game hunting is allowed from Oct. 1-Oct. 10 on WMAs.
- No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

Dec. 19-Jan. 15



Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Oct. 14 Running season

Mar. 2-May 4 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties ▲

- **All Game Zone 2 sections of Keowee WMA, archery only.**

Quail: Keowee WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day

Other Small Game: Keowee WMA

- Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits **except** no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 1-Dec. 21.

Special Area: Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties ★

- No small game hunting on Dec. 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 due to quota deer hunts.

Quail: Fant's Grove WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day

Other Small Game: Fant's Grove WMA

- Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits **except** no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 15-Dec. 7 except for waterfowl or designated dove field hunting.



Game Zone 3

Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties



For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.
 Wildlife Management Offices, P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton 803-725-3663,
 2751 Hwy. 72 E., Abbeville 864-223-2731
 Law Enforcement Offices, 10095 Dunbarton Blvd, Barnwell 803-259-7900, 1000
 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303

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

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during gun hunts for deer.

Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

buck only Aug. 15-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan 1

• **No hunting on WMAs before Sept. 2.**

Special Area: Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA Aiken Co. ▲

Gun Hunts: Aiken Gopher Tortoise WMA

Limit: 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18, 19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co. ★

Archery: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 4-5

Muzzleloader: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 11-12

Gun Hunts: Crackerneck WMA

• **Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.**

Limit: 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks.
No limit on hogs

buck only Oct. 18-Dec. 28

either sex Oct. 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment), will be Saturdays only during Sept., Mar. & May. Gate opens at 6:00am and closes at 8:00pm.
- On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30am-7:00pm.
- Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.
- No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No turtles, snakes, frogs, toads, salamanders, etc. can be captured, removed, killed or harassed.

Hog Party Hunts: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: No limit. Handguns only.

with dogs Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 15 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season

Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Aiken Gopher

Tortoise HP WMA Aiken Co. ▲

Small Game except Fox Squirrels: Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted.

Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co. ★

Small Game except Bobcats, Foxes, Otters & Fox Squirrels: Crackerneck WMA

Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only Regular Zone
3 limits
from Oct. 18-Feb. 28

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Bobcats, foxes, otters & fox squirrels may not be hunted.
- During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov. -Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30am-7:00pm.

Raccoon & Opossum: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 3 raccoons per party per night.
Opossum-no limit

Saturday nights only Oct. 19-Dec. 28 Friday
& Sat. nights only Jan. 3-Feb. 28

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays - 1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays - 1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.



Game Zone 4

**Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster,
Spartanburg, Union & York counties**

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife

Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Office, 124 Wildlife Dr, Union (864) 427-4771

Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville (864) 288-1131,
153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton (864) 654-8266, 1571 Rock Hill Hwy, York (803) 684-4078

Some WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 4. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt. See Regulation 123-52, pg. 26.

Deer

- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during gun hunts for deer.
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) will be allowed behind gates for hunting purposes only on roads marked with signs stating "ATV Hunting Access Permitted/Primary Roads Only" from Sept. 14, 2002- March 1, 2003.

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

buck only Sept. 14

either sex Sept. 15-30

- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

Deer: Archery on WMA Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

buck only Sept. 14

either sex Sept. 16-30, Dec. 2-14

Deer: Muzzleloaders

Limit: 2 deer total

buck only Oct. 1-10

either sex Oct. 5

- **No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs**
Dec. 2-14

- Muzzleloaders allowed during gun hunts.

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2,
8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

*Sunday deer hunting private land only.

Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Nov. 30,
Dec. 16-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

- **No gun hunting for deer on WMAs**
Dec. 2-14

Special Area: Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield Co. ★

Archery:

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 16-Oct. 31

Special Area: Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York Co. ●

Archery:

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 16-30, Dec. 2-Jan. 1

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.
- No hog or coyote hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer.
- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 2 or after Mar. 1.
- No small game hunting is allowed from Oct. 1-Oct. 10 on WMAs.
- No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer.

Dove:

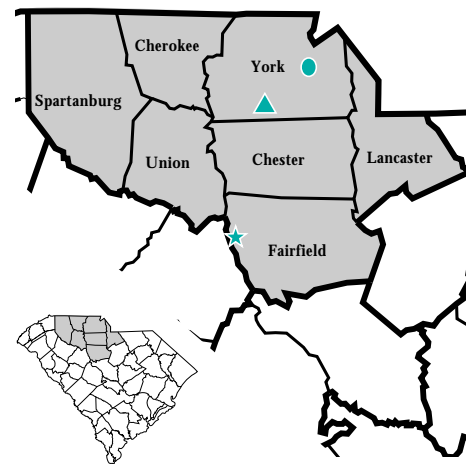
Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8- Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 15 per day



Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Oct. 14 Running season
Mar. 2-May 4 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Feb. 14 guns & dogs No limit

Feb. 15-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Draper WMA, York Co. ▲

- Horseback riding is prohibited.

Dove:

- Special restrictions and limited participation will apply opening day.

Quail:

Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 1, 15 10 per day
sunrise until 4:00 pm

Rabbit:

Dec. 4, 7, 11, Jan. 4, 8, 11 5 per day
Jan. 18-Mar. 1 (Wed. & Sat. only)

Small Game other than Dove, Quail & Rabbit:

- Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits **except** no hunting before Sept. 2 or after Mar. 1.

Special Area: Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield Co. ★

Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit & Quail:

Feb. 1-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 4 limits



Game Zone 5

Kershaw, Chesterfield & Marlboro counties

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife

Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, 124 Wildlife Dr, Union 864-427-4771,
420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-661-4768

Law Enforcement Offices, 1571 Rock Hill Hwy, York 803-684-4078,
2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766, 2560 N. Main St, Conway 843-248-6013

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 5. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.

• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

Deer: Archery (Private Land only)

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.

buck only **Aug. 31-Sept. 14**

either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1
Kershaw/Chesterfield cos. only

buck only **Aug. 31-Jan. 1**

either sex Marlboro Co. only

either sex **Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19,**

Nov. 22-23 Marlboro Co. only

Deer: Archery (Regular WMAs)

Limit: 2 per day, 3 bucks total;
2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

buck only **Aug. 31-Sept. 14**

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1
Kershaw/Chesterfield cos. only

buck only **Aug. 31-Jan. 1**

either sex Marlboro Co. only

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19,

Nov. 22-23 Marlboro Co. only

Deer: Gun Hunts (Private Land only)

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

buck only Sept. 15-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1, Kershaw/
Chesterfield counties only.

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, Nov.
22-23 Marlboro Co. only

Deer: Gun Hunts (Regular WMAs)

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1, Kershaw/
Chesterfield counties only.

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19 Nov. 22-23
Marlboro County only.

Special Area: Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield Co. ▲

• 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 843-498-6478.

Archery: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 3 bucks total

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1

Gun Hunts: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1.

• Muzzleloaders may be used during all gun hunts.

• Man drives during buck only hunts 10 am-2 pm (no dogs).

• Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either sex.

• No man drives on either sex days.

Special Area: McBee WMA Chesterfield Co. ★

Archery: McBee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 3 bucks total

either sex Sept. 16-Nov. 30

Gun Hunts: McBee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Nov. 30

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2

• No dogs during gun hunts.

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 2 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

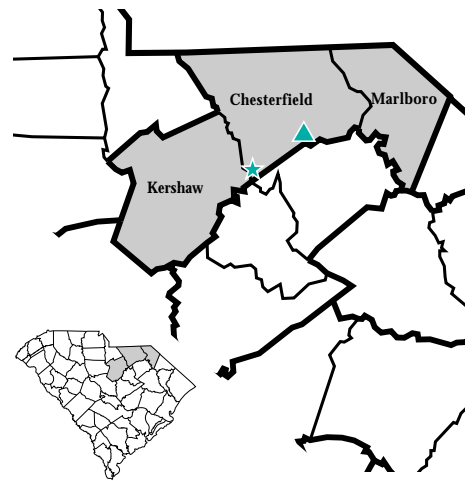
Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day



Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season

dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season

Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield Co. ▲

Small Game: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

• 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 843-498-6478.

• Regular Zone 5 seasons & limits **except** no hunting before Sept. 2 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 16-Jan. 1.

Special Area: McBee WMA Chesterfield Co. ★

Quail: McBee WMA

Hunts by drawing only. See page 24.

Small Game other than Quail or Dove: McBee WMA

• Regular Zone 5 seasons & limits **except** no hunting before Jan. 16 or after Mar. 1.



Game Zone 6

**Calhoun, Orangeburg, Berkeley,
Dorchester & Charleston counties**

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387,
2751 Hwy. 72 E., Abbeville 864-223-2731

Law Enforcement Offices, 1435 Hwy. 15 S., St. George 843-563-2302,
111 W. Adams St, Ridgeland 843-726-5054, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387,
1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303, 817 Paris Ave, Port Royal 843-524-9190,
217 Ft. Johnson Rd, Charleston 843-762-5013,
1601 N. Frazier St, Georgetown 843-546-8523

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 6. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.

Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.

buck only Aug. 15-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

Special Area: Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston counties •

Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts published by SCDNR.

• During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts.

• No more than 8 deer total may be taken during gun hunts.

Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

Limit: 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit

either sex Sept. 16-30, Oct. 1-5, Nov. 25-Dec. 7

Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

Limit: 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit

either sex Oct. 7-12, Oct. 28-Nov. 2,
(no dogs) Nov. 18-23, Dec. 9-14

Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

Limit: 2 deer total

either sex Dec. 19

• No still hunting and no rifles.

• All deer must be checked at Hellhole check station.

Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day

buck only on either sex days, hogs-no limit
Sept. 6-7, 27-28,
Oct. 18-19, Nov. 8-9, 29-30,
Dec. 20-21.

either sex Nov. 9, Dec. 7, 14

• Shotguns only during dog drive hunts.

Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1
(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Santee WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 13-14, Oct. 4-5, 25-26,
Nov. 15-16, Dec. 6-7;
Dec. 27-Jan. 1

either sex Nov. 9, Dec. 7, 14

• Shotguns only during dog drive hunts.

Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Santee WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1
(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA only

Seewee special use area (no dogs)

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either sex days

buck only Sept. 1 - Jan. 1

either sex Sept. 16-Jan 1

Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Aug. 16-17, 30-31, Sept. 20-21,
Oct. 11-12, Nov. 1-2, 22-23, Dec. 13-14

either sex Nov. 9, Dec. 7, 14

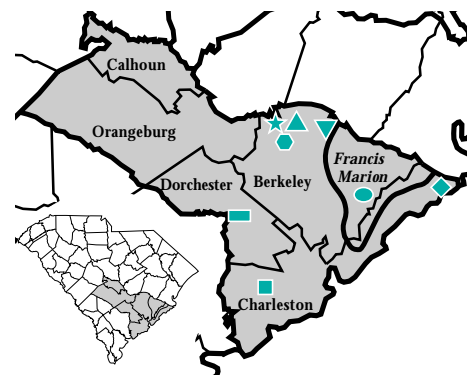
• Shotguns only during dog drive hunts. Still gun hunts only east of Hwy. 17. Rifles allowed.

Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1
(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

• Rifles are allowed on still gun hunts.



Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA only

Limit: 2 deer/day, hogs-no limit
either sex Oct. 1-12

Archery & Muzzleloader: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA only

Limit: 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit
either sex Oct. 21-Nov. 2

Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA only

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Aug. 16-17, 30-31,
Sept. 9-14, Nov. 11-16,

either sex Dec. 2-7, 23-28

• During deer hunts, entrance gates will be closed except Elmwood Wildlife Station off Hwy 17 and Mill Branch Rd. off Hwy 45.

Hog Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA only

Saturdays only in Feb. No limit

• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted. Hog hunters must have a hunting license and WMA permit, and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs taken must be brought to the check station and a data card completed.

• Hog hunters must sign a register at Elmwood Check Station upon entering and leaving Waterhorn WMA.

Special Area: Hatchery WMA

Berkeley Co. •

Archery: Hatchery WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day

buck only Sept. 2-14

either sex Sept. 16-Nov. 9

• No more than 8 deer may be taken total from this area.

• Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.

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Special Area: Santee Coastal WMA Charleston Co. ♦

Archery: Santee Coastal WMA

Limit: 2 deer total, either sex for entire 12 days. Hogs-no limit.

either sex Nov. 4-9, 25-30

• Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA.

• No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.

Hog Hunts with dogs: SCR

• Feb. 28, March 1. No limit, hand guns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. Hogs may not be taken from Santee Coastal Reserve alive. All hogs must be checked at check station. Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat, or vest of international orange.

Special Area: Dungannon WMA

Charleston Co. ■

Archery: Dungannon WMA (no dogs)

either sex Oct. 15-Dec. 1 2 deer per day

Special Area: Moultrie Hunt

Unit Berkeley Co. ▲

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.

Gun Hunts: North Dike WMA

(no buckshot/no dogs)

Limit: 2 deer per day

buck only Aug. 16-Oct. 26

either sex Oct. 1-26

• Individual antlerless tags: valid on days not designated as either sex after Sept. 15.

Archery: Hall WMA *except* Cross Station

Special Use Area (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 2-14 2 bucks per day

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

Gun Hunts: Greenfield WMA (no buckshot)

buck only Nov. 1-Jan. 1 2 per day

either sex Nov. 7-9, Dec. 23-Jan. 1 2 per day

Gun Hunts: Bluefield WMA* (no buckshot)

buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 14 2 deer per day
(Wed. & Sat. only)

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day
(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger who must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt.

Archery: Porcher WMA (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 2-14 2 deer per day

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

Cross Station - Designated youth and women draw deer hunts only.

Special Area: Santee Cooper

WMA Orangeburg Co. ★

• Quality deer Management Area - bucks must have 4 or more points on one side or be spikes with 2 points. (A point must be at least one inch long measured from the nearest edge of the mainbeam to the top of the point. No scouting Oct. 20-Nov. 4. Area is open for camping at 5 p.m. Nov. 3. Total 8 deer per season.

Archery: Santee Cooper WMA

either sex Oct. 7-19 4 deer total

Nov. 4-9 4 deer total

Muzzleloader: Santee Cooper WMA

either sex Oct. 14-19, 4 deer total

Nov. 4-9 4 deer total

Gun Hunts: Santee Cooper WMA

• Gun Hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings, page 24.

Special Area: Edisto River WMA Dorchester Co. ■

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season.

Archery: Edisto River WMA

either sex Sept. 16-30 1 deer/day;
hogs no limit

Muzzleloader: Edisto River WMA

either sex Oct. 7-19 1 deer/day;
hogs no limit

Still Gun Hunts: Edisto River WMA

buck only Oct. 21- Nov.16 1 deer/day;
hogs no limit

either sex Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 1 deer/day;
Nov. 15-16 hogs no limit

Small Game

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30,

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 15 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season

dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season

Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season

dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Francis Marion

Hunt Unit, Berkeley &

Charleston counties ●

Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except** quail limit 8/day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

• Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only.

• Closed during scheduled deer and hog hunting periods on Waterhorn and Hellhole and when dogs are used on Wambaw, Northampton and Santee WMAs.

• No fox hunting is allowed in the Francis Marion Hunt Unit.

Special Area: Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley Co. ▲

(No open season on fox squirrels. Quail/8 per day)

Small Game: Porcher & Greenfield WMAs
Jan. 2 - March 1.

Bluefield WMA - (Adult/Youth Area only)

Jan. 2 - March 1

• Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger who must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt.

• No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Small Game: North Dike WMA

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 **except** quail 8/day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

• Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 1-March 1.

Small Game: Hall WMA

• Closed to small game hunting.

Special Area: Santee Cooper

WMA Orangeburg Co. ★

Dove: Santee Cooper WMA

• Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Small Game other than Dove: Santee

Cooper WMA

Jan. 27-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits

Quail 8/day

(East of Ferguson Landing Road only);

except raccoon each Sat. on entire area

Special Area: Canal WMA

Berkeley Co. ▼

Dove: Canal WMA

• Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Quail only: Canal WMA

Dec. 4, 18, Limit 8/day

Jan. 1, 15, 29, Feb. 12, 26

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.

Special Area: Edisto River WMA

Dorchester Co. ■

Small Game: Edisto River WMA

• Nov. 18 - Mar. 1 with game zone 6 bag limits **except**, quail - 8 per day.

Special Area: Santee Coastal

Reserve WMA Charleston Co. ♦

Quail: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA

Jan. 22-Feb. 12 Regular Zone 6 limits

(Wed. & Sat. only)

Other Small Game *except* Fox Squirrels:

Santee Coastal Reserve WMA

Jan. 22-Feb. 12 Regular Zone 6 limits
(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted.

Raccoons & Opossums: Santee Coastal

Reserve WMA

Jan. 21-Feb. 28 Regular Zone 6 limits

(Tues. & Fri. nights only)



Game Zone 7

Dillon & Horry counties

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-8119,

Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766,

2560 N. Main St, Conway 843-248-6013, 817 Paris Ave, Port Royal 843-524-9190,

1601 N. Frazier St, Georgetown 843-546-8523

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 7. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.

• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.

• No more than 5 bucks total may be taken by an individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 deer per day on either sex days

buck only **Aug. 31-Sept. 14**

either sex **Dillon/Horry**-Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, Nov. 22-23

• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 deer per day on either sex days

buck only Sept. 15, Jan. 1

either sex **Dillon/Horry**-Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, Nov. 22-23

Special Area: Bucksport WMA Horry Co. ▲

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Bucksport WMA

buck only Sept. 16-28 1 deer per day

either sex Oct. 14-19 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Bucksport WMA

buck only Oct. 28-Nov. 16 1 buck per day

Gun Hunts: Bucksport WMA

buck only Nov. 25-Dec. 7 1 buck per day

Special Area: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA Horry Co. ★

• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA.

Archery: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA

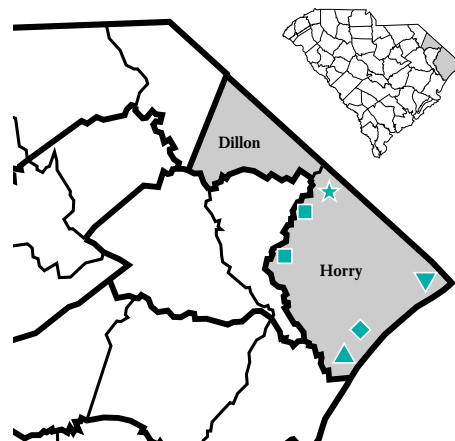
buck only Sept. 16-Oct. 5 1 deer per day

either sex Oct. 14-Nov. 2 1 deer per day

Special Area: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA Horry Co. ♦

• Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA.

• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.



• Horseback riding is prohibited during all deer hunts.

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA

buck only Sept. 18-21 1 buck per day

either sex Oct. 2-5 1 antlered buck

Oct. 9-12 & 1 antlerless

Oct. 23-26 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA

either sex Oct 30-Nov. 2, 1 antlered buck

Nov. 13-16 & 1 antlerless

deer per day

Gun Hunts: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA

buck only Nov. 27-Dec. 7, 1 buck per day

Dec. 11-14



Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Please check appropriate box: ☐ landowner ☐ lessee ☐ club member ☐ other

Applicant Address: _____

City: _____, SC Zip: _____ County: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (night) _____

Property or Club Name: (if applicable) _____

County of Property: _____ Acreage: _____

Landowner Information: (if same as above, leave blank)

Landowner Name: _____

Landowner Address: _____

City: _____, SC Zip: _____ County: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (night) _____

If Applicant Is Not The Landowner, The Landowner Must Sign the Consent Form on the back of this form.

Property Watch PROGRAM Application

If you would like to join the Property Watch Program, simply fill in this application and return it to the DNR Law Enforcement Division at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, Attention: Property Watch Program.

For more information about the program, see page 9, write to the address above, or call (803) 734-3615.

Special Area: Little Pee Dee River Complex Horry & Marion counties ■

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex.

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Little Pee Dee River Complex buck only Sept. 16-28 1 buck per day
either sex Oct. 1-19 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Oct. 28-Nov. 2 1 buck per day
either sex Nov. 4-9 1 deer per day

Gun Hunts: Little Pee Dee River Complex buck only Nov. 25-Nov. 30 1 buck per day

Special Area: Waccamaw River HP WMA Horry Co. ▼

• Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA.

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Waccamaw River HP WMA
either sex Oct. 14-19, 21-26 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Waccamaw River HP WMA

either sex Oct. 28-Nov. 2 1 deer per day
Nov. 4-9

Gun Hunts: Waccamaw River HP WMA buck only Nov. 25-Dec. 7 1 buck per day

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day
Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day
Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season
Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Skunk, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Otter, Mink, Muskrat:

Sept. 14 -Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Bucksport HP WMA Horry Co. ▲

• No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Bucksport HP WMA

Dec. 9-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

Raccoons: Bucksport HP WMA

Dec. 11-Feb. 26 3 per party per night
(Wed. nights only)

Special Area: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA Horry Co. ★

Small Game: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits
* No fox squirrels

Special Area: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA Horry Co. ◆

• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.

Small Game: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA

Jan. 1-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits
* No fox squirrels

Special Area: Little Pee Dee River Complex Horry & Marion counties ■

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

• No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Special Area: Waccamaw River HP WMA Horry Co. ▼

• No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Dove: Waccamaw River HP WMA

• Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits are published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only: Waccamaw River HP WMA

Dec. 9-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

Raccoons: Waccamaw River HP WMA

Dec. 11-Feb. 26 3 per party per night
(Wed. nights only)

Applicant should enclose:

- An 8 ½ x 11 "plat" of the property. This could be any type of illustration to give the officer an overview of your property.
- A letter which states that you intend to prosecute trespassers.
- A current list of members or persons with permission to utilize your property.
- A copy of the lease agreement or a letter signed by the landowner giving approval for the Property Watch Program, if the applicant is not the landowner.

IMPORTANT: Read the statement below and sign in the provided area.

I, _____ am applying to the DNR to enroll the above property into the Property Watch Program. The DNR is **not** contracting with me for additional services, only to provide assistance in enforcement of natural resource and other outdoor related laws and to provide guidance on the deterrent of trespassing. I agree to hold harmless the DNR or any of its agents in the course of this agreement. I agree to post the enrolled property with the recommended signs and issue cards to all persons using the property and actively prosecute all property right violations.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Landowner Signature _____ Date _____



Official use only:

PWP Number: _____

Date Enrolled: _____

Plat: _____

LOI: _____

LOM: _____

Signs: _____

Cards: _____

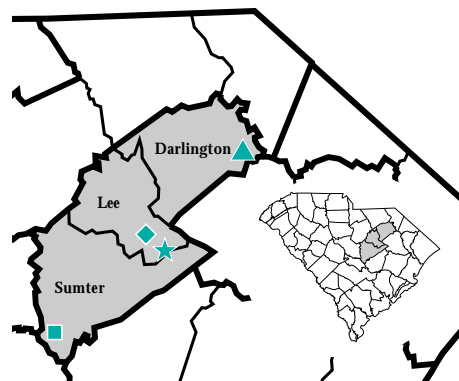
Check #: _____

District: _____



Game Zone 8

Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties



For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife

Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768,

420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-8119,

Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766,

2560 N. Main St, Conway 843-248-6013, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 8. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken by an individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex day
buck only Aug. 15-Dec. 14
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 15-Jan. 1

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex day
buck only Aug. 31-Jan. 1
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

Special Area: Great Pee Dee HP WMA Darlington Co. ▲

- **Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA.**
- For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All individuals are required to sign in and out at the entrance. Gates may be locked in wet weather.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts.

Archery: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

either sex Oct. 7-12, 14-19 1 deer per day
 Hogs-no limit

Archery & Muzzleloader: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

either sex Oct. 28-Nov. 2 1 deer per day
 Hogs-no limit

Gun Hunts: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

buck only Nov. 4-9 1 buck per day
 Hogs-no limit

Special Still Gun Hog Hunt: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

Dec. 2-7, 9-14, 16-21, Feb. 3-8, 10-15.
 Hogs only. No limit

Special Area: Longleaf Pine HP WMA Lee Co. ★

- **Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Longleaf Pine HP WMA.**
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

either sex Sept. 16-Oct. 5 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

either sex Oct. 14-26 1 deer per day

Gun Hunts: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

buck only Oct. 28-Nov. 16 1 buck per day

Special Area: Manchester State Forest WMA Sumter Co. ■

- **Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA.**
- Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.
- No buckshot allowed during gun hunts.
- No man-drives during either sex hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.
- No deer hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts. All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters.
- Deer must be checked at Battens or Shop And Go.
- Some gates may be locked due to wet roads.

Archery: Manchester State Forest WMA

either sex Sept. 16-21 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Manchester State Forest WMA

buck only Sept. 23-28 1 buck per day

either sex Sept. 27 only 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day



Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Application

Make check payable to SCDNR
 Mail to: Deer Tags, SCDNR,
 PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211

Applicant's Social Security		Applicant's Name					
# _____ - _____ - _____		_____/_____/_____ Last First MI Sex Race Date of Birth					
Applicant's Address							County of Residence
Street or Box # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____							
Telephone	Number of Tags Requested		Amount of Money Enclosed				
_____-_____-_____	(Circle One) 1 2 3 4		(Circle One) 1 - \$5 2 - \$10 3 - \$15 4 - \$20				

Gun Hunts: Manchester State Forest WMA

Limit: 1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.
buck only Sept. 30-Oct. 5, Oct. 7-12, 14-18, 22-26, 29-31, Nov. 5-8, 12-14, 19-23, 25-30

either sex Oct. 3, 5, 17, 26, 31, Nov. 23

Special Hog-Still Gun Hunt: MSF

Hogs only Feb. 3-8 No limit, No dogs.

Special Hog-With Dogs: MSF

Hogs only Feb. 10-15 No limit handguns only.

• Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No live hogs to be removed from Manchester State Forest.

Other WMAs in Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties

Gun Hunts: Other WMAs

Limit: 5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.

buck only Sept. 14-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26

Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,

Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 12 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day

Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season

Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Great Pee Dee HP WMA Darlington Co. ▲

Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only:

Great Pee Dee HP WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 8 limits

• No fox squirrels.

* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

Raccoons: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

Nov. 30-Feb. 26 3 per party
(Wed. & Sat. nights only) per night

Special Area: Longleaf Pine HP WMA Lee Co. ★

• No fox squirrels

Small Game: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 8 limits

Special Area: Lynchburg Savannah HP WMA Lee Co. ♦

Small Game: Lynchburg Savannah HP WMA

• Private land seasons and limits apply to this area **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 of after Mar. 1.

• No fox squirrels.

Special Area: Manchester State Forest WMA Sumter Co. ■

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased and

not readily accessible when not in legal use.

• All hunters except dove, duck and turkey hunters are required to wear hunter orange coat, vest, or hat.

• Gates may be locked due to wet road conditions.

Dove: Manchester State Forest WMA

Sept. 2-Oct. 5 12 per day

(Wed. & Sat. afternoons only)

(Designated fields only)

Nov. 23-30, Dec. 19-Jan. 15

(Mon. thru Sat. only) (General forest)

Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland Tract)

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 12 per day
(Mon.-Sat. only)

Quail Hunting: Bland Tract

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.
Dec. 4, 28, Game Zone 8 Limits
Jan. 1, 18, Feb. 1, 12

Squirrel: Manchester State Forest WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day

Rabbit: Manchester State Forest WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 5 per day

Raccoon: Manchester State Forest WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 8 3 per party per night

Fox: Manchester State Forest WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 8 No limit during
gun season

Other WMAs in Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties

Small Game: Other WMAs

• Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Property Watch PROGRAM

Thanks to Landowners

Landowners providing their land for public hunting and recreation are due much appreciation from SCDNR and all outdoor enthusiasts. Without these lands, public hunting as provided in this state would be impossible.

Sportsmen seeing the yellow and black diamond-shaped signs designating WMA boundaries should remember they are hunting as guests of the landowner and be respectful of this privilege.

U. S. Forest Service	617,971
SC Department of Natural Res	122,077
SC Forestry Commission	73,851
Crescent Resources	35,997
Bowater, Inc.	19,927
SC Public Service Authority (Santee)	19,400
Department of Transportation	18,538
Willamette Industries, Inc (A Weyerhaeuser Co.) ..	12,189
Clemson University	11,265
Sustainable Forest LLC (IP)	37,832
Department of Energy	10,470
Marsh Furniture Company	8,538
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.)	7,988
SCPRT	7,571
Great Eastern Timber Co	6,059

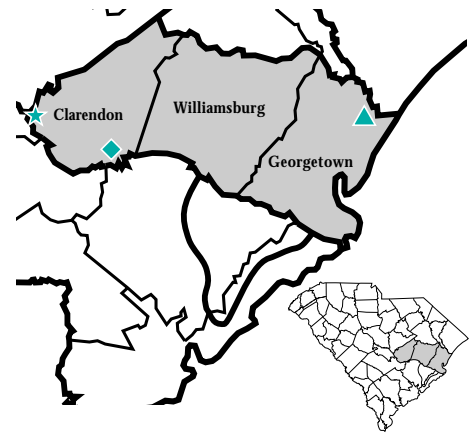
Corps of Engineers (Palachucola)	6,757
TIAA Timberlands II	3,176
S.C. Electric & Gas Company	5,753
Timber-Lands L. P.	5,000
American Timberland II	3,056
Corps of Engineers (Donnelley)	3,408
Georgia Power Company	3,336
Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust)	3,252
Pru Timber Fund 1, 4, & 5	2,701
SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee)	2,659
Corps of Engineers (Santee)	2,465
Sustainable Forest L.L.C. (IP/MA)	1,764
Springland, Inc.	1,695
SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats	800
Carolina Power & Light	1,036

James A. Spruill	847
Elizabeth and Thaddeus Thomas	594
Lavinia B. George	569
Kennecott Mine	290
City of Clinton	276
Dorothy Beaty	209
Gary Wood	200
Lanny R. Gregory	150
James M. & Jack L. Brown	135
Commission of Public Works (Greer)	100
William & Joab Lesesne	92
Juanita & Mason Trent	828
Bobby Gregory	100
TOTAL	1,060,891



Game Zone 9

Clarendon, Williamsburg & Georgetown counties



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Wildlife Management Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387,
2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768, 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-8119,
Law Enforcement Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387,
1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766,
1601 N. Frazier St, Georgetown 843-546-8523

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 9. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
buck only Aug. 15-Dec. 14
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 15-Jan. 1

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
buck only Aug. 31-Jan. 1
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan 1

Special Area: Sandy Island WMA Georgetown Co. ▲

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total (1 buck) from Sandy Island WMA.
- A free permit is required for Sandy Island WMA. Available at Samworth WMA and Georgetown and Conway DNR offices.
- Firearms and vehicles are prohibited.
- No small game hunting is allowed.

Archery: Sandy Island WMA

either sex Oct. 1-Nov. 30 1 deer per day
Hogs, coyotes
no limit

Special Area: Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co. ★

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Hickory Top WMA.

Archery: Hickory Top WMA

buck only Sept. 2-14 2 bucks per day
either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day
Muzzleloader: Hickory Top WMA (no dogs)
either sex Nov. 4-16 2 deer per day

Special Area: Oak Lea WMA Clarendon Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total from Oak Lea WMA.

Archery: Oak Lea WMA

either sex Sept. 16-30 2 deer per day

*Still gun hunts: Oak Lea WMA

Party hunts 3 deer per day
1 buck/day
Hunters selected by drawing 20 per party
*Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.). Parties may hunt for 1 week (Mon.-Sat.). Hunt periods will be approximately every other week (Oct. 1-Jan. 1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing. (803) 494-8196

Special Area: Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co. ♦

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Santee Dam WMA.

Archery: Santee Dam WMA (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 2-14 2 bucks per day
either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

Muzzleloader: Santee Dam WMA

either sex Sept. 16-Jan. 1 2 deer per day
Hogs-no limit

Hog Hunts-Santee Dam WMA

Jan. 2-March 1 No limit
Archery & muzzleloader only (no dogs)

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day
Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 15 per day

Squirrel:

Oct 1.-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day
Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
per night

Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season

Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Sept 1-Jan. 1	guns & dogs	No limit
Jan. 2-Aug. 31	Running season dogs, no guns	

Mink, Muskrat, Skunk & Otter:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
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Bobcat, Beaver & Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1	No limit
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Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
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Special Area: Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co. ★

- 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.

Small Game: Hickory Top WMA

- Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1; quail 8/day. No open season on fox squirrels.

Special Area: Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co. ♦ No fox squirrels

- Shotguns only when hunting small game on Santee Dam WMA

Dove: Santee Dam WMA

- Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Small Game: Santee Dam WMA,

Jan. 2-March 1

- Private land limits apply **except**, 8 quail/day.

Special Area: Oak Lea WMA Clarendon Co.

Small Game: Oak Lea WMA

(No Quail (Private lands seasons
Hunting & apply **except** no hunting
no fox squirrels) before Jan. 2 and after
March 1.)

Dove: Oak Lea WMA

Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in August.



Game Zone 10

Florence & Marion counties

For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 21-29 of the SC Rules & Regulations.
Wildlife Management Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768,
420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-8119,
Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766,
2560 N. Main St, Conway 843-248-6013

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 10. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any roads open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken per individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
buck only Aug. 31-Jan. 1
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).

Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
buck only Sept. 15-Jan. 1
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 1

Special Area: Marsh Furniture WMA Marion Co. ▲

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh Furniture WMA.
- Scouting days are Sept. 23-28.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- No bay or catch dogs for hog hunting.

Archery: Marsh Furniture WMA

Limit: 1 deer per day, hogs-no limit
either sex Oct. 7-12

Archery & Muzzleloader: Marsh Furniture WMA

Limit: 1 deer per day, hogs no limit
either sex Oct. 14-19, 21-26

Gun Hunts: Marsh Furniture WMA

Limit: 1 deer per day, hogs no limit
buck only Oct. 28-Nov. 2, Nov. 4-9, 11-16

Special Area: Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence Co. ★

- Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA.
- Scouting days are Sept. 28-30, Oct. 12-14 & Nov. 2-4.
- Must sign in and out at check station.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

either sex Oct. 1-5 1 deer per day

Archery & Muzzleloader: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

either sex Oct. 15-19, Nov. 5-9 1 deer per day

Special Area: Little Pee Dee 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 Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

Archery: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Sept. 16-28 1 deer per day

either sex Oct. 1-19 1 deer per day

Muzzleloader: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Oct. 28- Nov. 2 1 deer per day

either sex Nov. 4-9 1 deer per day

Gun Hunts: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Nov. 25-Nov. 30 1 buck per day

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

- Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as those listed below **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

Dove:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30

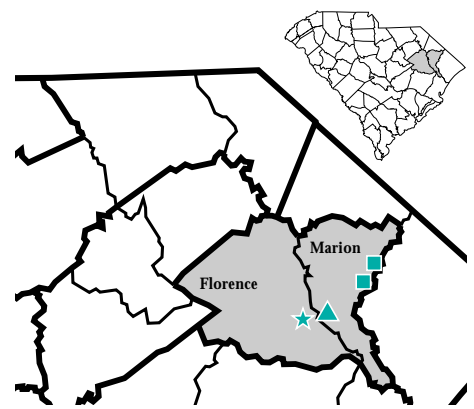
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 10 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day



Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day
Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per night
Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season
Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Mink, Muskrat & Otter:

Sept. 14-Mar. 1 No limit

Bobcat, Beaver, Skunk & Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Marsh Furniture WMA Marion Co. ▲

Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, Quail & Woodcock: Marsh Furniture WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 10 limits (Wed. thru Sat. only)

Raccoons: Marsh Furniture WMA

Dec. 4-28 3 per party per night (Wed. thru Sat. only)

Special Area: Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence Co. ★

- Must sign in and out at check station.

Small Game: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

Nov. 30-Feb. 26 Regular Zone 10 limits (Wed. and Sat. only)

Special Area: Little Pee Dee 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 Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

- No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts

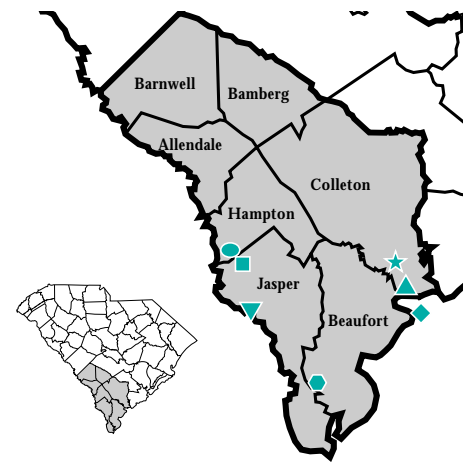
Small Game: Little Pee Dee River Complex

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 10 limits



Game Zone 11

**Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Hampton,
Colleton, Jasper & Beaufort counties**



For information on regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas, see pages 20-28 of the SC Rules & Regulations.

Wildlife Management Offices, Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett 803-625-3569
585 Donnelley Dr, Hwy 17, Green Pond 843-844-8957

Law Enforcement Offices, 10095 Dunbarton Blvd, Barnwell 803-259-7900,
302 Lee Ave., Hampton 803-943-4088, 1435 Hwy. 15 S, St. George 843-563-2302,
111 West Adams St, Ridgeland 843-726-5054, 817 Paris Ave, Port Royal 843-524-9190

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 11. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

Please refer to the Hunting Rules and the Wildlife Management Area Regulations on pages 21-29 before you hunt.

Deer

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.

Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
buck only Aug. 15-Jan. 1
either sex Oct. 5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26,
Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23,
Dec. 21, 28, Jan 1

Special Area: Bear Island WMA Colleton Co. ▲

• All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.
• Hunting in designated areas only.

Archery: Bear Island WMA

either sex Oct. 1-10 3 deer total

Gun Hunts: Bear Island WMA

either sex Nov. 1-10 3 deer total
1 buck only

Special Area: Donnelley WMA Colleton Co. ★

• Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.
• Hunting in designated areas only.
• Gates will open at 4:00 am for deer hunts.
• Open for scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 31, Nov. 30.
• Bucks must be spikes or have 4 points on one side. Button bucks apply toward buck limit.
• Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts.
• Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
• Hogs may not be taken from Donnelley alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station and have data cards completed.
• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

Archery: Donnelley WMA

either sex Oct. 1-Oct. 5, 4 deer per season.
Nov. 1-Nov. 5, No more
Dec. 2-Dec. 5, than 2 bucks.

Gun Hunts: Donnelley WMA

• Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Hog Party Hunts: Donnelley WMA

with dogs Mar. 6-8, 2003 No limit
Handguns only

Special Area: Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties ■

• All deer must be checked at check station.
• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.
• Vehicular access may be restricted by locked gates.
• Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
• Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
• Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only.
• Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts.
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

Archery: Palachucola WMA

either sex Sept. 25-Oct. 5 3 deer total

Gun Hunts: Palachucola WMA

• Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: Palachucola WMA

no dogs Sept. 3, 10, 17 No limit
No gunshot Archery & firearms

Hog Hunts: Palachucola WMA

with dogs Sept. 5, 12, 19 No limit
Feb. 27-Mar. 1 Handguns only

• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

Special Area: St. Helena Sound WMA Beaufort and Colleton counties ♦

• Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at Donnelley WMA, Green Pond, 843-844-8957.

Archery: Otter Island only, St. Helena Sound WMA

either sex Nov. 1-30 2 deer total
1 per day

Archery: Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Islands only, St. Helena Sound WMA

either sex Oct. 1-Jan. 1 3 deer total
1 per day

Special Area: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper Co. ▼

• All deer must be checked at check station.

Archery: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA

either sex Oct. 25-Nov. 9 2 deer total

Archery & Muzzleloader: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA

buck only Dec. 6-14 2 deer total
either sex Dec. 6-7, 13-14

Special Area: Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort Co. ●

• All deer must be checked at check station.

Archery: Victoria Bluff HP WMA

either sex Oct. 3-5, 10-12, 3 deer
17-19, 24-26 per hunt
Nov. 1-9, period
Nov. 29 - Dec. 7

Special Area: James W. Webb WMA Hampton Co. ●

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.
• Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
• Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
• Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only.

Gun Hunts: James W. Webb WMA

• Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Game Zone 11 continued on next page.

Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: James W.

Webb WMA

no dogs Sept. 3, 10, 17 No limit
No buckshot Archery & firearms

Hog Hunts: James W. Webb WMA

with dogs Sept. 5, 12, 19 No limit
Feb 27-Mar. 1 Handguns only

Small Game

Special WMA Regulations:

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are listed under Special Areas sections.

Dove on Private Land only:

Sept. 2-7 (afternoons only) 12 per day
Sept. 8-Oct. 5, Nov. 23-30
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 15 per day

Squirrel:

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

Rabbit:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 5 per day
Mar. 2-Nov. 26 Running season
dogs, no guns

Raccoon & Opossum:

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit
Aug. 15-Sept. 14 Running season
Mar. 16-May 14 dogs, no guns

Fox:

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season
dogs, no guns

Bobcat, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 No limit

Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Special Area: Bear Island WMA Colleton Co. ▲

• Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.
• Hunting in designated areas only.

Dove: Bear Island WMA

• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Quail: Bear Island WMA

Feb. 4-25 15 per day
(Tuesdays only)

Raccoon & Opossum: Bear Island WMA

Feb. 5 - Mar. 14 No limit
(Wed. & Fri. nights only)

Other Small Game: Bear Island WMA

Feb. 5-26 Regular Zone 11 limits
(Wed. & Sat. only)

Waterfowl: Bear Island WMA

• Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Special Area: Donnelley WMA Colleton Co. ★

• Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.

• Hunting in designated areas only.

• Gates will open at 6:00 am.

Dove: Donnelley WMA

• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Raccoon & Opossum: Donnelley WMA

Dec. 10 - Jan. 28 3 per party per night
(Tues. nights only) Opossum-no limit
Jan. 28 - Feb. 28

(Tues & Fri. nights only)

Other Small Game: Donnelley WMA

Dec. 11 - Jan. 22 Regular Zone 11 limits
(Wed. only)

Jan. 29 - Feb. 22

(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Donnelley WMA.

Waterfowl: Donnelley WMA

• Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

Special Area: Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties ■

• No hog hunting during small game hunts.
• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

Small Game: Palachucola WMA

• Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting on Sept. 25-Oct. 5, Oct. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, Nov. 7-9, 14-16, Nov. 21-23, Dec. 5-7, 12-14.

• Quail and fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.

Special Area: Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort Co. ●

• Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2)
• Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.

Special Area: James W. Webb WMA Hampton Co. ●

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

• No hog hunting during small game hunts.

Dove: James W. Webb WMA

• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

Quail: James W. Webb WMA

• Quail hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings, page 24.

Other Small Game: James W. Webb WMA

• Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. & Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues. & Sat. mornings from Sept. 15-Dec. 31.

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.

Special Area: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper Co. ●

• No hog hunting during small game hunts.

• Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.

Special Area: Turtle Island WMA Jasper Co. ●

• 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.



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The Center provides resource information and planning assistance through map reference files, map and resource educational materials, various resource inventories and state and federal resource information contacts.

LIFETIME LICENSE APPLICATION

GRATIS OVER 65 LICENSE & DISABILITY LICENSE APPLICATION



SCDNR, PO Box 11710, Columbia SC 29211

Lifetime Licenses available to South Carolina residents only. Resident means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. A copy of a South Carolina driver's license or reasonable proof of residency must accompany application. (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.) **Please type or print:**

APPLICANT'S NAME Last _____ First _____ Initial _____

ADDRESS Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____
(If Post Office Box is given, list actual street location also)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **SOCIAL SECURITY NO.** _____
Month Day Year Required for age 1 and up.

SC DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. (enclose copy) _____ **RACE** _____ **SEX** Male _____ Female _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____ **TELEPHONE NUMBER** _____

- ☐ **LIFETIME FISHING** \$300.00
- ☐ **LIFETIME HUNTING (Small Game Only)** \$300.00
- ☐ **LIFETIME COMBINATION (Under 2 years of age)** \$300.00
- ☐ **LIFETIME COMBINATION (2 to under 16 years of age)** \$400.00
- ☐ **LIFETIME COMBINATION (16 to under 64 years of age)** \$500.00
- ☐ **LIFETIME COMBINATION (Age 64 or older)** (submit a copy of your SC driver's license) \$9.00

NOTE: Lifetime licenses listed above do not include saltwater fishing license, state or federal duck stamps, migratory bird permit or WMA Permit. Combination License includes fishing, hunting & big game only. A copy of a certified birth certificate must accompany applications for lifetime licenses for all persons under 16. Hospital copies will not be accepted and copies of birth certificates cannot be returned. At age 65, this license automatically carries the same privileges as the Gratis over 65. (See privileges for Gratis over 65 listed below)

Hunter Education is required for persons born after June 30, 1979. If you have completed a Hunter Education course, show state and Hunter Education number: STATE _____ HUNTER EDUCATION NO. _____

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

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: South Carolina Wildlife Endowment Fund, SCDNR, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211.

Complete personal information above and return entire page to address listed at the top of form.

- ☐ **GRATIS LICENSE FOR PERSONS OVER 65** (submit a copy of your SC driver's license) **FREE**
PRIVILEGES: Valid for hunting, fresh & saltwater fishing, big game, wildlife management area, state duck stamp
- ☐ **GRATIS LICENSE FOR DISABLED PERSONS** (See criteria below.) **FREE**
PRIVILEGES: Valid for hunting, fresh & saltwater fishing, big game, wildlife management area, state duck stamp

SC Code of Law, Sec. 50-9-510 (16) provides that any person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for at least one year and who is determined to be totally disabled under one of the programs listed below, may obtain a statewide fishing and hunting license. It is valid only for three years and disability recertification will be required for renewal. **Any person with quadriplegia or paraplegia who is certified as totally disabled will not have to obtain a disability recertification. The license, when issued, will be permanent.**

Check the program below that has certified you as disabled and attach a recent or current copy of such agency certification to this form.
Application forms received without such documentation will be returned to the applicant.

_____ Social Security Administration*
_____ SC State Retirement System
_____ US Dept. of Veterans Affairs

_____ Federal Civil Service
_____ Railroad Retirement Board
_____ Medicaid Assistance

* If you are currently receiving disability benefits from Social Security, please attach a current copy of your **Benefits Verification Statement** to this application. You may request the **Benefits Verification Statement** from Social Security by calling toll free 1-800-772-1213.

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct. _____
Applicant's Signature Date

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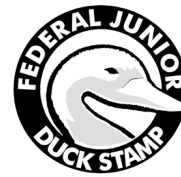
For Youth and the Mobility Impaired

Youth Hunts	Age	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	10-17	March 29, 2003	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area	
Raccoon	10-17	Sept. 7, 2002	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel	10-17	Sept. 28, 2002	Private Lands Only	
Quail	10-17	Nov. 16, 2002	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit	10-17	Nov. 16, 2002	Private Lands Only	
Deer	10-17	Jan. 4, 2003	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fant's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area, and Webb	
Youth Dove	16 & Under	Sept. 2	Pickens Co.	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Pre-registration required beginning July 19, deadline Aug. 19. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 2	Abbeville Co.	Region II DNR (864) 223-2731. (Greenwood office) Pre-registration required beginning August 13. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 2	Newberry County Union County DNR& USFS Fields	Pre-registration required beginning August 5. Call USFS office (803) 276-4810 for Newberry field and Union DNR office (864) 427-4771 for Union field. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 2	Manchester State Forest	Applications available in August. Region VI (843) 546-8119 (Georgetown)
Youth Dove	16 & Under	Sept. 2	Oconee Co.	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Pre-registration required beginning July 19, deadline Aug. 19. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	17 & Under	To Be Selected	Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.	For Information call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3383 or (843) 761-8220
Youth Deer	12-15	October 19	Deer Unlimited of Am.	Applications available in September. Region II (864) 223-2731. (McCormick Co.)
Youth Deer	10-15	Nov. 2	Poinsett Gunnery Range	Applications available in September. Region VI (803) 546-8119 (Georgetown)
Draw Youth Deer	10-17	Nov. 9	Mulberry Hunt Club, Charaketo Hunt Club, Boykin Mill Gun Club Kershaw Co.	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write Union DNR office. (864) 427-4771.
Youth Deer	10-15	Oct. 5	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. - Sept. 15 and due by Sept. 20. Call Clemson Office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-17	Oct. 26	International Paper Newberry Co.	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write Union DNR office. (864) 427-4771.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-17	Oct. 19	100 Oaks Plantation York County	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write Union DNR office. (864) 427-4771.
Draw Youth Deer	10-17	Selected days Oct.-Dec.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available August 20 through September 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820.
Draw Youth Deer	10-17	Selected days Oct.-Dec.	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early September. Call U.S. Forest Service at (843) 887-3258.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-17	Dec. 28	Harris Springs Sportsman's Preserve, Laurens Co.	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write Union DNR office. (864) 427-4771.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game.	17 & Younger	See page 36	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 36 for specific season dates and limits. For more information call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820.
Youth raccoon	8-17	Mid-January	Orangeburg County	For applications call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820
Draw adult/youth turkey	10-17	Saturdays in April	Santee Cooper	(Raccoon). Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan. WMA Turkey applications available in late February. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship	8-17	February	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.
Youth Raccoon	10-16	Date not set	Pickens, Oconee & Anderson	Applications available Sept. 30 through October 27 and due by noon Oct. 31.
Draw adult/youth turkey	10-17	Saturdays in April	Donnelley WMA	Applications available in late February. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898. Applications due in March.
Draw youth Waterfowl	15 & Under	Saturdays during Waterfowl season.	Donnelley WMA	Applications available in October. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
Youth Waterfowl	15 & Under	Date not set	Fant's Grove WMA	Applications available in October. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
Mobility Impaired Hunts		Date	Location	Sponsor/Contact Info.
Deer		Oct. 18-19 (pm only)	Tibwin Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville (843) 887-3257.
Deer		Nov. 1-2 (Fri.-pm/Sat.-am)	Upstate Private Areas Laurens & Newberry counties	International Paper Co., TCA International, Inc., Quaker Creek Farm, Wade Pitts, Mudlick, Woollen Farm, Carroll Hunt Club, Southern Timer Assoc., Belfast Hunt Club, Lake Murray One Shot. Chapter of Buckmasters & SCDNR. Call SCDNR Union office (864) 427-4771.
Deer		Dec. 6-7 (pm only)	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville (843) 887-3257.
Deer		Dec. 13-14 (Fri.-pm/Sat.-am)	Webb Wildlife Center Hampton County	SCDNR. Call SCDNR Webb Center (803) 625-3569.
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.				



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