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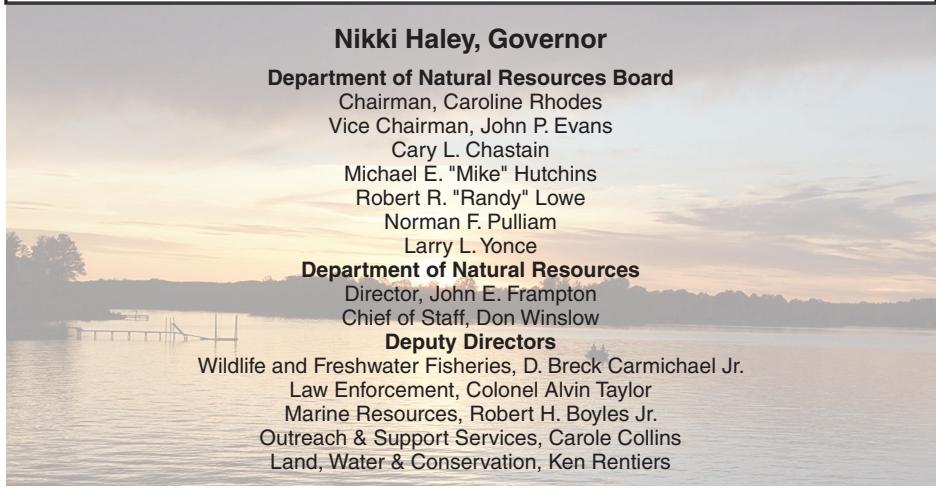
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Other information is published only in SCDNR news releases. This includes announcements relative to shrimp baiting, public hearings, SCDNR Board decisions and position statements, new legislation, youth activities, mobility impaired hunts, US Dept. of Agriculture cost-share programs, special drawing hunts, schedules for newly acquired areas and many other items of interest. SCDNR news releases are published weekly and distributed free to editors of all regional and local newspapers and are available to the public on the SCDNR web site. Updates to these Rules and Regulations are also available at www.dnr.sc.gov/regulations by clicking on update.

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NOTE: Abbreviations used in this book: SCDNR or DNR indicates South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. WMA indicates Wildlife Management Area (a SCDNR-managed public hunting area).

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

See <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/titl50.htm>

What's New for 2011-2012

H.3562 Rep. Ott — All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Act, Chandler's Law Ratified R 44; Signed By Governor 5/11/2011; Effective date 07/01/11; — Act No. 24

This chapter provides that Effective July 1, 2011, every person fifteen years old and younger who operates an all-terrain vehicle must possess a safety certificate indicating successful completion of 'hands-on' all-terrain vehicle safety course approved by the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute.

This Act does not apply to:

- (1) an owner, operator, lessor, or renter of a farm or ranch, or that person's employees, immediate family, or household members, when operating an all-terrain vehicle while engaged in farming, wildlife habitat management, or ranching operations;
- (2) a person using an all-terrain vehicle for hunting or trapping purposes if the person otherwise is lawfully engaged in those activities; or
- (3) a minor younger than sixteen years of age, but not younger than six years of age who is operating an all-terrain vehicle under the direct visual supervision of his parent or an individual with legal custody of the minor on private property.

Additionally this Act provides the following for the operation of all-terrain vehicles on those lands open to the public.

- (1) It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle except in compliance with the local regulations and restrictions for all-terrain vehicle operation.
- (2) A person sixteen years of age or younger who operates an all-terrain vehicle must be accompanied by an adult.
- (3) It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless it is operated with headlights turned on.
- (4) It is unlawful to cross any watercourse on an all-terrain vehicle except at a designated ford, crossing, bridge, or if the watercourse is bisected by a trail.
- (5) An all-terrain vehicle must have an effective muffler system in good working condition, a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrester in good working condition, and a brake system in good operating condition.

- (6) It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- (7) It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle in a reckless manner.

- (8) Nothing contained in this chapter prevents the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a beach, or between the breakers and the shoreline of the beach, if the all-terrain vehicle is operated in a manner approved by the entity that owns or controls the area.

A person violating this Act, unless otherwise specified, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

This Act also provides that it is unlawful for:

- (1) a parent or legal guardian of a person less than six years of age to knowingly permit that person to operate an ATV;
- (2) a parent or legal guardian of a person without a motor vehicle driver's license and less than sixteen years of age to knowingly allow that person to carry a passenger while operating an ATV.
- (3) a parent or legal guardian of a person less than sixteen years of age to knowingly allow that person to operate an ATV in violation of the Age Restriction Warning Label affixed by the manufacturer as required by standard ANSI/SVIA 1-2007.
- (4) A person fifteen years of age or younger also may not operate, ride, or otherwise be propelled on an all-terrain vehicle within this State unless the person wears a safety helmet meeting standard FMVSS #218 and eye protection.

For more information on the ATV Safety Act, Chandler's Law visit http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/3562.htm.

SCDNR Important Information

Eating Fish Caught in South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) believe that fish are a healthy, low-fat source of protein. To make sure that the fish you catch are safe to eat, DHEC tests fish from lakes, rivers and streams throughout South Carolina. To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. For more information on the advisories, call DHEC, toll free, at 1-888-849-7241 or go to DHEC's web page at www.scdhec.gov/fish.

Natural Shorelines are Good for Fishing

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



Show your support of wildlife and conservation in South Carolina and help provide vital funding to conserve our wildlife and aquatic resources through your purchase of a SCDNR license plate.



For more information visit
the SCDNR web site at
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/admin/licenseplate.html>



Public Lands Application

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

The public lands initiative is targeted at increasing public awareness of the more than 1.1 million acres of public lands, public fishing lakes, fish hatcheries, bird sanctuaries, scenic rivers and boat ramps in South Carolina. Goals of the public lands initiative include uniform kiosk signs on all public lands, creation of a centralized GIS database of SCDNR public lands, development of a managed lands web application to include those lands both owned and managed by SCDNR. For more information, call 803-734-0256.

SC Lakes and Waterways

South Carolina's 14 major reservoirs provide a wide variety of recreational activities. Find information on each lake, boat ramps, fish attractors, fishing access locations and much more at www.dnr.sc.gov/lakes.



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

Required of All Applicants

Identification – Applicants for all SC hunting and fishing privileges must present a state issued identification card at the time of application. This card should be in your possession when hunting or fishing.

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

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

Requirements

License Duration	Resident	Age	Application
Annual /Temporary	30 days	16+	License Vendor
3 Year	180 days	16+	License Vendor
Lifetime	180 days	16 -63 yrs	Page 61
Senior	180 days	64 yrs +	Page 61
Gratis	180 days	Born before 7/1/40	Page 61
Disability	365 days	16+	Page 62
Commercial	365 Days	Any	DNR Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

License Year – The license year begins Jul. 1, 2011 and ends Jun. 30, 2012. Regardless of the date sold, annual licenses expire Jun. 30, 2012.

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

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

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

Saltwater Fishing License – is required when harvesting marine resources, including finfish, oysters, clams, shrimp, and crab. A saltwater recreational fishing license is required unless fishing on a licensed public fishing pier; fishing on a licensed charter vessel while under hire; using 3 or fewer drop nets, 3 or fewer fold-up traps, or 3 or fewer handlines with no hooks and single bait per line (chicken necking); or shrimp baiting (which requires a shrimp baiting license). See also pages 20-25.

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

Where to Buy Hunting & Fishing Privileges:

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

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

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call 803-734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301. See page 65.

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

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

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Privilege Fees Jul. 1, 2011 - Jun. 30, 2012

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes, Prerequisites (additional information on page 11)
Fishing Privileges - Freshwater				More Information on pages 15-16
3 Year	Freshwater Fishing License	30.00	105.00	Valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 of third year.
Annual	Freshwater Fishing License	10.00	35.00	Valid through Jun. 30, 2012.
14-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	5.00	n/a	Valid 14 consecutive days.
7-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	n/a	11.00	Valid 7 consecutive days.
Annual	Lakes & Reservoirs Permit	3.00	n/a	To fish using nonmanufactured tackle & natural bait only in the following lakes: Ashwood, Greenwood, Hartwell, Jocassee, Keowee, Marion, Moultrie (Diversion Canal & Tailrace Canal) Murray, Russell, Wiley, and reservoirs: Parr, Monticello, Monticello Sub Impoundment. (More information available at www.dnr.sc.gov/licensing or contact the appropriate regional office on page 66).
Annual	Commercial Freshwater License	50.00	1,000.00	Device quantity limits apply in freshwater bodies, See page 19.
Non-Game Freshwater Fishing Privileges				More Information on pages 17-19
(A freshwater fishing license or commercial freshwater fishing license is required to use non-game devices)				
Annual	Jug Permit	5.00	50.00	to fish up to-50 jugs, 1 permit per licensee.
Annual	Set Hook Permit	5.00	50.00	to fish up to - 50 set (bush) hooks, 1 permit per licensee.
Annual	Eel Pot Tag*	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 2 pots per licensee. Reporting Requirements apply.
Annual	Gill Net Tag* (Not for shad or herring)	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 3 nets or total of 100 yds for all nets per licensee.
Annual	Hoop Net Tag*	10.00	50.00	recreational limit 1 net per licensee.
Annual	Trap Tag*	5.00	50.00	recreational limit 2 traps per licensee.
Annual	Trotline Tag*	2.50	50.00	recreational limit 3 lines or total of 150 hooks on all lines per licensee.
Fishing Privileges - Saltwater				More Information on pages 20-25
3 Year	Saltwater Fishing License	30.00	105.00	Valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Saltwater Fishing License	10.00	35.00	Valid through Jun. 30, 2012.
14-Day	Saltwater Fishing License	5.00	11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days.
Season	Shrimp Baiting License & Tags*	25.00	500.00	Season dates apply, see page 13 for application.
Annual	Saltwater Public Fishing Pier	150.00		100 feet or less in length, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Public Fishing Pier	350.00		More than 100 feet in length, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	150.00		6 or fewer paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	250.00		7-49 paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Annual	Saltwater Charter Fishing Vessel	350.00		50 or more paying passengers, license has reporting requirements.
Commercial Saltwater License and Gear Licenses: SCDNR License Office P.O. Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29422-2559 843-953-9301.				
Combination Freshwater Fishing & Hunting Privileges				
3 Year	Combination License	75.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Combination License	25.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game & Freshwater Fishing. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2012
Annual	Junior Sportsman License	16.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, for applicants 16-17 years of age. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2012
3 Year	Sportsman License	150.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Sportsman License	50.00	n/a	Includes State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas & Freshwater Fishing. Valid thru Jun. 30, 2012
Hunting Privileges				More Information on pages 28-57
3 Year	State Hunting License	36.00	n/a	Basic hunting license, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	State Hunting License	12.00	125.00	Basic hunting license, valid through Jun. 30, 2012.
10-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	75.00	Basic hunting license, valid 10 consecutive days.
3-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	40.00	Basic hunting license, valid 3 consecutive days.
Annual	County Hunting License	5.00	n/a	Basic hunting license, valid only in hunter's county of residence.
Annual	Apprentice License	12.00	125.00	Hunting license applicants born after Jun. 30, 1979, who do not hold a hunter education certification may take this one time exemption from the hunter education certification requirement. See page 11 for other requirements.

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes, Prerequisites (additional information on page 11)
3 Year	Big Game Permit	18.00	n/a	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, 3 Year or Lifetime Hunting License required, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Big Game Permit	6.00	100.00	Required to hunt bear, deer or turkey, hunting license required.
3 Year	Wildlife Management Area	91.50	n/a	Required to hunt on WMA lands, 3 Year or Lifetime Hunting License required, valid for 3 consecutive license years, expires Jun. 30 th of third year.
Annual	Wildlife Management Area	30.50	76.00	Required to hunt on WMA lands, hunting license required.
Annual	Shooting Preserve Permit	8.50		For hunting specified released species only on licensed shooting preserves.
Season	Alligator Hunting Fee*	n/a	200.00	Required for all nonresidents 16 yrs of age or older who participate in any alligator management program, hunting license required.
Season	Individual Antlerless Deer Tags*	5.00		Maximum 4 tags per hunter, big game permit required, season dates apply, see page 13 for application.
Season	Bear Tag	25.00	100.00	Required to take a bear in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit. Youth 15 years old or younger are required to obtain Youth Tags for bear from SCDNR designated offices at no cost.
Season	Migratory Bird Permit (HIP)	No Cost		Season dates apply, hunting license required.
Season	Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp)	5.50		Season dates apply, Migratory Bird Permit required, Federal Duck Stamp required.
Season	Federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp)*	15.00		Season dates apply, State Migratory Waterfowl Permit required to use in SC, Available at select US Post Offices, by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24 (1-800-782-6724), online at www.duckstamp.com and SCDNR Offices. Electronic Federal Duck Stamps are not valid in SC.
Annual	Trapping and Commercial Fur Harvest License	25.00	200.00	Required to trap or hunt furbearers for sale or trade. Required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their pelts. Hunting license required. License has reporting requirements.

Miscellaneous Privileges

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

* Licensee must have the stamp or tag in possession before using this privilege. Fish tags must be secured to the non-game fishing device. Federal Duck Stamps must be signed across the face and in the licensee's possession while hunting. Hunter must also have permit and tag issued under one of the alligator management programs.



Special License Application

Note: To speed processing please complete all sections.

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

Social Security #	Name (as it appears on your state ID)				
# _____	Last	First	MI	Gender	Race
			/	/	Date of Birth

Address

Street or PO Box #	City	State	Zip
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Telephone	Driver's License No./State	SC County of Residence
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Out Of State

Shrimp Baiting License/Tags	Antlerless Deer Tags*	Bear Tags*	Turkey Tags*	Total Paid
<input type="checkbox"/> Residents - \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Tags - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Residents - \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> No cost	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> .00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-residents - \$500 (10 pole tags)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Tags - \$20 (max 4 tags per person per year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-residents - \$100	(5 tags)	Make check payable to SCDNR
		<input type="checkbox"/> Youth - No Cost (max 1 tag per person per year)		

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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

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

Freshwater Fishing Regulations www.dnr.sc.gov/freshwater

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 boat occupant (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, Lake Hartwell and Twelve Mile Creek.
- Game fish may be used as bait to catch fish recreationally but must be included in daily bag limit.

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

- There are no closed seasons for striped bass except as described below in Game Fish table.
- All watercraft and fishing are prohibited Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 on Cantey Bay, Black Bottom and Savannah Branch in Lake Marion.
- 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. Closed sections will be marked with signs.

- Hatchery WMA on Lake Moultrie is closed to fishing each Sat. until 12:00 noon and all day the last Sat. of the waterfowl season.
- Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to public access and fishing one week prior to and two weeks after the Federal Waterfowl Season.

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

Selling and Importing

- No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except by a: 1) SCDNR permitted aquaculturist, 2) SCDNR wholesale aquaculture licensee, 3) SCDNR aquaculture game fish retail licensee, 4) Private pond owner selling less than \$2,500 in product annually.
- It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.
- Sterile grass carp may only be sold, purchased or possessed under a SCDNR permit.

Freshwater Fish Size and Possession Limits

- A total of 40 game fish may be kept in any one day. This total shall not exceed more than the limits or exceptions listed below.
- Special limits and regulations apply to SCDNR managed lakes. See chart on page 16.
- Check with state parks, city reservoirs or county parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

Species	Blue Catfish
Limit	No more than one blue catfish over 36-inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie per person in one day.
Species	Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Redeye & Spotted)
Limit	10 fish combined total per day / no statewide length limits
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lake Wallace: it is illegal to harvest largemouth bass.Slade's Lake: 2 largemouth bass per day no less than 12 inches and not more than 15 fish combined total per day.Lake Wylie, and the Georgia waters of the Savannah River and all its reservoirs: no bass less than 12 inches.Lakes Marion, Moultrie and the upper Santee River: 5 largemouth bass per day no less than 14 inches; black bass must be landed with the head and tail fin intact.
Species	Striped Bass and/or Hybrids
Limit	10 fish per day
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Saluda River from Lake Greenwood Dam downstream to the Lake Murray Dam – 5 fish per day and 21-inch minimum size limit. In Lake Murray during July and August, two of the five striped bass creel limit may be less than 21 inches.In the inshore waters (except that portion of the Savannah River defined below); the territorial sea; the Ashepoo River; Ashley River; Back River in Jasper County and the back River in Berkeley county; Black River; Black Mingo Creek; Bull Creek and Little Bull Creek; Combahee River; Cooper River system (which includes all waters and tributaries, including the Tailrace Canal, of the Cooper River from its point of origin seaward to the freshwater/saltwater dividing line); Coosawhatchie River; Cuckolds Creek; Edisto River; Horseshoe Creek; Lumber River; Lynches River; Great Pee Dee and Little Pee Dee Rivers; Pocotaligo in Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties; Salkehatchie and Little Salkehatchie River; Sampit River; Lower Santee River system (which includes all waters and tributaries seaward of the Lake Murray Dam, the Columbia Canal Diversion Dam, and the Lake Wateree Dam to the freshwater/saltwater dividing line on the North Santee River and the South Santee River, including Lakes Marion and Moultrie); Tulifinny; Thoroughfare Creek; and Waccamaw River – it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any striped bass from Jun. 1st through Sept. 30th. Any striped bass taken must be returned immediately to the waters from where it came. From Oct. 1st through May 31st – 3 fish per day, 26-inch minimum size limit, fish must be landed with head and tail intact.In the Savannah River and its tributaries and distributaries and the lands immediately adjacent to them from the J. Strom Thurmond Lake dam downstream to the mouth of the Savannah River. Defined by a line from Jones Island, SC (also known as Oysterbed Island) point at N32.03833°, W80.88917°; across Cockspur Island, Georgia, point at N32.03278°, W80.88222° to Lazaretto Creek, Georgia, point at N32.01722°, W80.88083°. Unlawful to possess more than 2 striped bass, striped bass hybrids, white bass, or any combination of these species. Any lawfully possessed fish of each of these species must be a minimum of 27 inches.Lake Russell from Lake Hartwell Dam and Lake Secession Dam, including all tributaries of Lake Russell – 2 fish per day, no more than one greater than 34 inches in length.
Species	Cold Water Trout
Limit	10 fish per day, 10 in possession.
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Saluda River - not more than five trout may be taken in any one day from that portion of the lower Saluda River between the Lake Murray Dam and the confluence of the Broad River.Chattooga River (SC Highway 28 upstream to Reid Creek), and Cheohee Creek (SC Forestry Commission property) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release only) from Nov. 1 through May 14.Chattooga River (except SC Highway 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 Highway 276), and Matthews Creek (upstream 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 State 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: 15-inch minimum.
Bait/tackle restrictions	Artificial lures and bait can be used when fishing for trout.

Bait/tackle Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthews Creek (from lower boundary of Caesars Head State Park) and Middle Saluda River (Jones Gap State Park lower foot bridge to Highway 276) in Greenville County, Eastatoo 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 Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) 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 unless stated otherwise.
Season Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee 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. Middle Saluda River (catch and release area) open for fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. during daylight hours with a special daily permit obtained on-site. Cheohee Creek (Forestry Center lands) open to fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. from Nov. 1 through May 14 and June 15 through June 22 of each year during daylight hours.
Species	Crappie, bream (including bluegill, flier, redbreast, warmouth, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, redear and spotted sunfish), white bass, chain pickerel, redfin pickerel, yellow perch, walleye and sauger
Limit	30 fish per day
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walleye and sauger - 8 fish per day on Lakes Tugaloo, Yonah, Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond and the Chattooga River. Crappie - 20 fish per day, 8 inch minimum size on Lake Murray.

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

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

- 1) On Savannah River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed located approximately one and three-fourths miles upstream from the U.S. Highway 17A bridge.
- 2) On Ashepoo River the dividing line is the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- 3) On New River the dividing line is at Cook's Landing.

- 4) Long Branch Creek, Rantowles Creek, Shem Creek, Wallace River, Wando River and Wright River are saltwater for their entire lengths.
- 5) On Edisto River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Canal Cut.
- 6) On Ashley River the dividing line is the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- 7) On Cooper River the dividing line is the seaward shoreline of Old Back River at the confluence of Old Back River downstream from Bushy Park Reservoir.
- 8) On the Intracoastal Waterway in Horry County the dividing line is the bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway at the intersection of SC Highway 9 and U.S. Highway 17.

SCDNR Managed State Lakes

Lake	County	Acres	Open Days*	Maximum Motor HP	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 HP (Gas)	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Bonneau Ferry WMA**	Berkeley	100	W, Sat, Sun*** Mar. 2 - Oct. 31	Electric Only	No Limit	2	10	Yes	X		
				10 HP (Gas) North of Hospital Rd eastward. Any HP south of Rd							
Edgar Brown	Barnwell	100	All Days	Electric Only	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	W & Sat (Mar. 1 - Sept. 30)	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum) (2 bass may be under the size limit)	20	Yes	X	X	X
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
Lancaster Resv.	Lancaster	62	Thur & Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Mountain Lake 1	Chester	42	Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5", but state limits apply.	No	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", but state limits apply.	No		X	X
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	0 (No harvesting)	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	All Days***	Electric Only	No Limit	10	30	Yes			
Sunrise	Lancaster	25	M,W,Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Draper WMA***	York	1, 2 & 5	Wed-Mon	No motors allowed	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.

** Webb Center and Bonneau Ferry Lakes are closed on deer hunting days. Bonneau Ferry closed Saturdays in Apr. until 11:00 AM.

*** Combined daily creel limits from all ponds. Adult/youth fishing only on Bonneau Ferry. Each youth must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years of age or older.

Nongame Freshwater Fishing

General Information

Nongame fishing permits and tags may be purchased from SCDNR only. Applications may be obtained at www.dnr.sc.gov or by calling 803-734-3833.

Nongame fishing permits and tags are required, in addition to a valid South Carolina 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 skimbow 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 is shown in the Areas & Limits Section on page 12.

A tag must be attached to the device for which it was issued, and each permit and tag identification receipt must be in the licensee's possession while engaging in the activity.

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

Commercial Fishing

A commercial freshwater fishing license must be in possession to take nongame fish by any method from public waters and sell or offer for sale such nongame fish, and/or fish with the following nongame fishing devices: 4 or more gill nets (or a total of more than 100 yards of net), 2 or more hoop nets, 3 or more traps, 4 or more trotlines or fish trotlines with a combined total of 151 hooks, 3 or more eel pots, 6 or more crayfish traps or an elver fyke net.

All persons involved in commercial nongame 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.

No more than one blue catfish over 36 inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie in one day.

To qualify for a resident commercial freshwater fishing license, one must have been a resident of this state for the past 365 consecutive days and furnish proof to the SCDNR.

Shad/Herring

To take shad or herring for recreational purposes by hook and line, cast net, or skim bow net in freshwaters a person must have a freshwater fishing license. To take shad or herring for recreational purposes using a gill net, a person MUST have a fishing license, gear license and related permits. To take shad or herring for commercial purposes, A person MUST have a commercial fishing license, gear license and related permits. To use a cast net to take herring for commercial purposes, a person MUST have a commercial license and related permits. If fishing in the freshwaters of the state, a person needs a freshwater commercial license. If fishing in the saltwaters of the state, a person needs a saltwater commercial license. See page 18 for net requirements and recreational bag limits. Commercial fishing for shad and herring in freshwaters, including for sale as bait and by use of gill nets, is regulated under saltwater fisheries laws regardless of location within the state (Sec. 50-5-1500 and 50-5-1550). Contact the Charleston License office at 843-953-9301 for commercial and gill net information.

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

On the Black, Great 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 page 16).

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 16), or waters within Game Zone 1, 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.

Nongame devices, such as set hooks, may not be attached or secured to any vegetation or structure on the Congaree National Park property bordering the Wateree or Congaree Rivers. Rules and regulations concerning the Congaree National Park may be obtained from the National Park Service at (803) 776-4396 or at www.nps.gov/cong.

Penalties

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

Any person who tampers with any non-game fishing device with intent to damage or to make it ineffective for the purpose of taking fish shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, and for stealing a device or fish caught in the device shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

Upon the conviction of any commercial freshwater fisherman of illegal possession of game fish or the sale or traffic in game fish, SCDNR shall suspend such person's license or privilege to fish in this state for a period of one year.

Updated regulations and information are provided when nongame fish tags or permits are issued. Tags, permits and commercial freshwater fishing licenses are available by visiting any Regional SCDNR Office (see page 66 for locations), through the internet at www.dnr.sc.gov, by writing to: SCDNR-License Section, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167 or calling 803-734-3833. Nongame fish tags are issued at each Regional SCDNR office. Tags purchased through the internet or by mail are mailed from the Columbia office and the privilege is not valid until the tag is received by the licensee.

**Free Fishing Days: June 9 & 10, 2012
(For residents only, as specified in Sect. 50-9-730.)**

Nongame Freshwater Fishing Methods and Devices

Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See Areas & Limits on page 19 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 up to 50 hooks (50 hook limit). Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit, 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.
Permits/ Regulations	A permit is required to fish up 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. A jug permit is not required for residents assisting jug permit holders.
Hours/ Seasons	Must be removed from the water before one hour after official sunrise each day and not replaced prior to one hour before official sunset.

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 17). 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 require a tag for every 50 hooks or less. No trotline shall be attached in any manner to another trotline or to the support or float of another trotline. No trotlines allowed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.
Hours/ Seasons	Trotlines must be inspected and fish removed at least every 24 hours. From Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, no trotline is permitted in any waters from one hour after official sunrise to one hour before official sunset, unless the trotline is sunk to the bottom or a minimum depth of four feet below the surface. From Oct. 2 to Mar. 31, trotlines may be left in the water 24 hours per day at any depth.

Traps & Eel Pots

Description	A device described below marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 17)
Trap Type 1	The trap may be made of wire or textile material and be cylindrical in shape of a length not more than 6 feet and a width of not more than 3 feet. The mesh shall not be smaller than 1 inch by 1 inch, and there shall be only one application of exterior wire to the trap. The muzzle shall have one of the following designs: A trap door on the second muzzle or catch muzzle which remains in a closed position and which only opens for the entry of fish into the trap; or constructed of netting so that the opening of the small end of the second muzzle or catch muzzle is held in the shape of a slit and the trap configuration constructed such that as the trap rests on the bottom, the slit shall be oriented horizontally with the greatest vertical opening being no greater than 1 inch.
Trap Type 2	The trap may be made of wood strips or slats and be cylindrical or rectangular in shape. The length shall not exceed 6 feet, and the width or diameter shall not exceed 2 feet. The throat opening of the catch muzzle in a resting position shall not exceed 3 inches measured in any direction. The sides, top and rear of the trap shall have a minimum of one inch opening between the slats to allow for the escape of small catfish. This shall apply only to the last 12 inches of the trap.
Eel pot	Pots no larger than 24 inches by 48 inches and constructed of wire with a mesh size no smaller than 1/2 by 1/2 inch, except for the throat or muzzle and the end opposite the throat or muzzle. The throat opening shall not exceed 2 inches measured in any direction.

Permits/ Regulations	A tag is required for each trap or eel pot. A permit is required for the harvest of eels in both freshwater and saltwater. Traps and eel pots may be suspended in water at a depth which does not create a hazard to watercraft. No trap or eel pot shall be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream. No crab pot or trap of like design may be used in the fresh waters of this state.
Hours/ Seasons	No closed season.
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 on page 17).
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 (shad and herring see page 17)	
Description	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 and may be used only from Feb. 1 through Apr. 30 for shad or herring.
Minnow Seine	Must not be greater than 4 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.
Shad Gill Net	A gill net used for taking or attempting to take shad in the inshore salt waters must have a stretched mesh size of no smaller than five and one-half inches and a length not exceeding nine hundred feet. A gill net used for shad in the freshwaters must have a stretched mesh size of no smaller than five and one-half inches and be no longer than six hundred feet. Gill nets for taking shad may be freely drift fished or set. Only one shad gill net may be drift fished by occupants of a boat, and it must be attended at all times when deployed. Additional boats in tow may not be used to increase the number of authorized nets. The recreational limit for shad is 10 shad, with the exception of 20 shad in the Santee river.
Herring Gill Net	A gill net used for taking or attempting to take herring in the salt waters of this State must have a mesh size of two and one-half inches stretched and a length no greater than nine hundred feet. A gill net used for taking or attempting to take herring in freshwaters must have a stretched mesh of two and one-half inches stretched and a length no greater than six hundred feet. Only one herring gill net may be used by occupants of a boat, and the drift net must be attended at all times when deployed. Additional boats in tow may not be used to increase the number of authorized nets. The recreational limit is one bushel per day.

Nongame Areas and Limits

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

Ashepoo 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 Counties including 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

Bridge Lake:

Dorchester County:
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 Highway 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 County):
Seines-1

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 County only

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 license

Congaree River: (From the I-77 Bridge to confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers):
Traps - 10 max. w/ commercial license
Trotlines - 2000 hooks total
Hoop nets - 10 w/commercial license (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

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 County 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 license.

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 County):
Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines - 150 hooks total

John's Hole Lake: (Dorchester County):
Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

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

Jugs - 50

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

Rock's Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Salkehatchie River:

Set hooks - 50

Saluda River (From Southern RR Trestle in Greenville County to backwaters of Lake Greenwood

Lake Wateree:

Traps - 5

Trotlines - 150 hooks total

Lake Wylie:

Traps - 5

Trotlines - 150 hooks total

Little Pee Dee River:

Trotlines - 150 hooks total

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Little Pond Lake (Dorchester County):

Set hooks - 50

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Little River:

Seines - 1 from Mars Bridge in McCormick County upstream

Log Creek (Edgefield County):

Seines - 1

Long Cane Creek (Above Patterson Bridge):

Seines - 1

Louder's Lake (Darlington County):

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

Mallards Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Mims Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Mouth of Four Holes Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Mulberry Creek (Greenwood County):

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 (Laurens County):

Seines - 1

Redbank Creek (Saluda County west of Highway 121):

Seines - 1

Reedy River:

Traps - 2

Set hooks - 50

Trotlines - 150 hooks total

Seines - 1 from Southern RR in Greenville County downstream

Anderson County:

Seines - 1

Rock's Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Salkehatchie River:

Set hooks - 50

Saluda River (From Southern RR Trestle in Greenville County 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 counties only except in Anderson County 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 skimbow 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 license.

Set hooks - 50

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines - 2000 hooks total

Eel pots - No limit

Shuler Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Steed's Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

Stevens Creek (Above Clark's Hill Bridge):

Seines - 1

Thicketty Creek (Cherokee County):

Seines - 1

Turkey Creek (Edgefield & Greenwood counties):

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

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 County):

Seines - 1

Wateree River:

Traps - 50

Set hooks - 50

Trotlines - 2000 hooks total

Hoop nets - 50 w/commercial license

Wilson Creek (Greenwood County):

Seines - 1

Woods Lake (Dorchester County):

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks - 50

General Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saltwater Fishing Methods & Devices

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

Hook and Line

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

Restrictions:

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

Gigging (Gig, Spear, & Bow & Arrow)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

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

Cast Nets (Other than Shrimp Baiting)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

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

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

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

Restrictions:

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

Trotlines (Long lines)

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

Restrictions:

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

Special Information

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

Unlawful to Sell Gamefish & Billfish - 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 sale of billfish, including marlin, sailfish and spearfish, is unlawful regardless of where taken or landed.

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

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

Size & Catch Limits for Saltwater Fish

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length; See page 25 for information on how to measure a fish.

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

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

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

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

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Inshore Finfish				
American Shad, Herring	No closed season for recreational hook & line harvest; For all other gears, seasons as for commercial harvest	10 shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion Canal (20 per person per day) 1 U.S. bushel of herring per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 17-18 for licensing, permitting, and gear requirements.
Black Drum		5 per person per day	14-inch to 27-inch TL	
Bluefish		15 per person per day		
Flounders (Southern, Summer & Gulf)		20 per person per day not to exceed 40 per boat per day except in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach (10 per person per day not to exceed 20 per boat per day)	14-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limits apply to rod & reel or gig. Any type of artificial illumination produced by motor fuel powered generators cannot be used while gigging or fishing for flounder in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach.
Red Drum	Cannot be harvested by gig Dec. - Feb.	3 per person per day (state waters) 0 per person per day (federal waters)	15-inch to 23-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel and gig. May not be harvested from federal waters.
Saltwater catfishes (Hardhead & gafftopsail catfishes)	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If caught must be released immediately.
Spotted seatrout	Cannot be harvested by gig Dec. - Feb.	10 per person per day	14-inch TL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel and gig.
Striped Bass, Hybrid Bass, & Combinations	Possession prohibited: Jun. 1 – Sept. 30 except in Savannah River as defined on page 15 (2 per person per day year round)	Possession prohibited: Jun. 1 – Sept. 30; 3 fish per person per day; Oct. 1 – May 31 except in Savannah River as defined on page 15 (2 per person per day year round)	26 inch TL except in Savannah river as defined on page 15 (27 inch TL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Tarpon		1 per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only be taken by rod & reel.
Weakfish		1 per person per day	12-inch TL	
Offshore Finfish				
These species are also federally managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) from 3-200 miles offshore. Regulations for some of these species may be changing soon. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.				
Many of these species are managed under an Annual Catch Limit (ACL). Fishery will close when the ACL is met or projected to be met. Current landings information can be found at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/st/RecreationalLandingsandCatchLimits.html .				
See "Special Information" (page 20) for information on Marine Protected Areas.				
Cobia		2 per person per day	33-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters.
Dolphin		10 per person per day not to exceed 60 per boat per day. Headboats have no boat limit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Dolphin Wahoo permit to fish for this species in federal waters.
King mackerel		3 per person per day	24-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters.
Spanish mackerel		15 per person per day	12-inch FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit to fish for this species in federal waters.
Wahoo		2 per person per day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-hire vessels must have a Dolphin Wahoo permit to fish for this species in federal waters.

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Atlantic Tunas				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required to fish for these species except for the Other Tunas. Check current federal regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA (1-888-872-8862) or checking https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ .				
Albacore, Skipjack				
Bigeye Tuna			27-inch curved FL	
Bluefin Tuna		1 per vessel per day per trip	27-inch to 59-inch curved FL	• See https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ for for-hire vessel bag and size limits.
Yellowfin Tuna		3 per person per day per trip	27-inch curved FL	
Other tunas: Blackfin tuna, Bonita, and Little tunny				
Billfish				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required to fish for these species. All billfish to be released may not be removed from the water. All recreationally caught Atlantic billfish landed must be reported to NMFS within 24 hours of landing at the dock. Anglers can report by calling 1-800-894-5528 or by visiting https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ . Recreationally caught billfish may not be sold.				
Blue Marlin			99-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel.
White Marlin			66-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel.
Sailfish			63-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel.
Swordfish		1 per person per day not to exceed 4 per vessel per trip	47-inch FL from lower jaw	• May only be taken by rod & reel and handlines. Handlines must be attached to, or remain in contact with, the vessel at all times. • See https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ for for-hire vessel bag limits.
Spearfish (longbill and roundscale)	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		• If caught fish must be released immediately.
Snapper Grouper Complex				
These species are also federally managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) from 3-200 miles offshore. Regulations for some of these species may be changing soon. Please contact the SAFMC at 843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net to get the most up to date regulations on these species.				
Possession of a dehooking device is required when fishing for snapper grouper species. Non-stainless circle hooks are required when fishing with natural baits for snapper grouper species.				
Sale of snapper grouper under the recreational bag limit is prohibited UNLESS vessel owner has Federal Commercial Snapper Grouper Permit & applicable SC commercial licenses. For-hire vessels must have a Snapper Grouper permit to fish for these species in federal waters.				
Many of these species are managed under an Annual Catch Limit (ACL). Fishery will close when the ACL is met or projected to be met. Current landings information can be found at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/RecreationalLandingsandCatchLimits.html .				
Greater Amberjack		1 per person per day In Apr.: 1 per vessel per trip	28-inch FL	
Hogfish			12-inch FL	
Sheepshead, Spadefish		No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with snapper grouper complex species		
Seabass				
Black Seabass		5 per person per day	12-inch TL	
Porgies and Snappers				
Red Porgy		3 per person per day	14-inch TL	
Vermillion Snapper	Closed: Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	5 per person per day; excluded from 10 snapper per person per day limit	12-inch TL	
Red Snapper	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		

Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
Snapper Grouper Complex - continued				
Porgies and Snappers				
Lane Snapper		10 per person per day from this group	8-inch TL	
Black, Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray, Mahogany, Schoolmaster			12-inch TL	
Silk and Queen snapper			12-inch TL	• Possession prohibited beyond a depth of 240 ft.
Mutton Snapper			16-inch TL	
Grouper and Tilefish				
Gag & Black Grouper	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30	3 per person per day from this group; no more than 1 Gag or Black grouper or more than 1 Golden Tilefish may be included in this total	24-inch TL	
Scamp, Red, Yellowfin, & Yellowmouth Groupers	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30		20-inch TL	
Golden Tilefish, Sand Tilefish				
Blueline Tilefish, Misty Grouper, and Yellowedge Grouper				• Possession prohibited beyond a depth of 240 ft.
Coney, Grasby, Red Hind, Rock Hind, Tiger Grouper	Closed: Jan. 1 - Apr. 30			
Snowy Grouper		1 per vessel per day; included in the 3 grouper per person per day bag limit		• Possession prohibited beyond a depth of 240 ft.
Warsaw and Speckled Hind	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		
Nassau & Goliath Grouper	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		• If caught must be released by cutting the line and not removing the fish from the water.
Species	Closed Season	Bag Limit	Minimum Size Limit	Restrictions
All Other Snapper Grouper Complex Species				
Including but not limited to: Lesser amberjack; Cottwick; Bluestrip; White; Smallmouth; French & Spanish Grunts; Scup; Almaco; Bar; Crevalle & Yellow jacks; Black margeate; Margate; Whitebone; Knobbed; Jolthead; Saucereye; Grass & Lonespine porgies; Porkfish; Puddingwife; Banded rudderfish; Sailors choice; Bank seabass; Rock seabass; Gray, Queen and Ocean Triggerfish			20 per person per day aggregate bag limit	• Bluerunners and Tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.
Sharks				
Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required in federal waters. All sharks must be landed with fins, head and tail naturally attached. Check current federal regulations by visiting https://hmpermits.noaa.gov/ . Recreational anglers may only catch sharks using a rod & reel or handline.				
Dogfish (spiny & smooth)				
Atlantic Sharpnose		1 per person per day		
Bonnethead		1 per person per day		
Blacknose, Blacktip, Blue, Bull, Finetooth, Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Lemon, Shortfin Mako, Nurse, Porbeagle, Spinner, Thresher, Tiger and Oceanic Whitetip Sharks		1 shark per vessel per day from this group	54-inch FL	
Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bignose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Caribbean Reef, Sandbar, Sevengill, Caribbean Sharpnose, Silky, Bigeye Sixgill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Bigeye Thresher, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Sand Tiger, Whale and White Sharks	Possession prohibited	Possession prohibited		• If caught sharks from this group must be released immediately.

Crustacean & Shellfish Methods & Devices

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

Crab Pots

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

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

Gathering Shellfish (Oysters & Clams)

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

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

Restrictions:

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

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

Shrimp Seines

Permits/Licenses: Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

Restrictions:

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

Trawling

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

Restrictions:

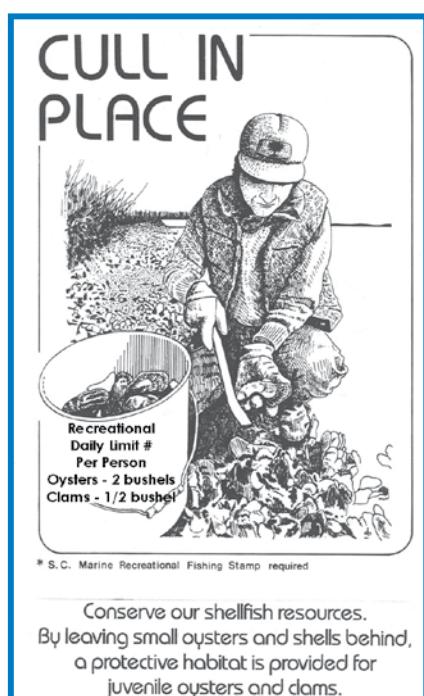
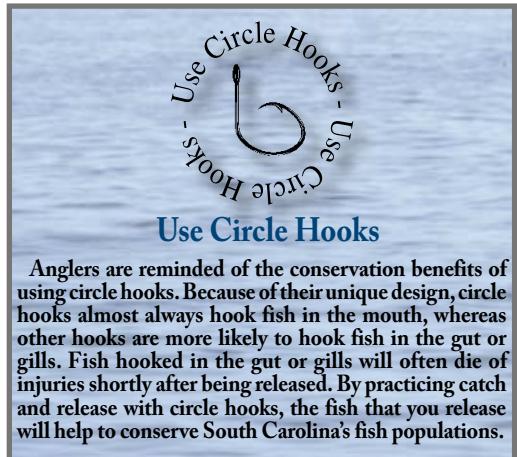
- Trawling for personal use is restricted to the same license requirements, areas and seasons as commercial trawling. This information is provided with the license.

Shell Recycling

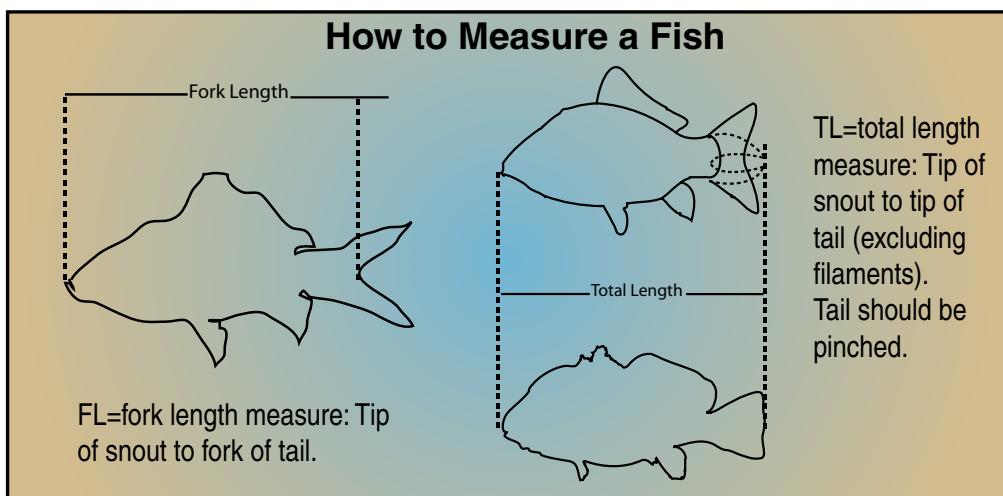
Oyster shells are collected throughout the coastal area and reused for maintenance of public grounds. Call 843-953-9300 for shell drop-off site locations, or visit www.saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/oyster.html for detailed maps of locations.

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

Species	Closed Season	Possession & Size Limit	Restrictions
Shrimp - continued			
Shrimp Baiting	60-day season set by SCDNR beginning at noon on the last Friday on or before September 15. 2011 shrimp baiting season begins 12 noon on Friday Sept. 9 and ends 12 noon Tuesday, Nov. 8.	48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed per boat or per person if no boat is used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must have a shrimp baiting license. License holders, while shrimping from a boat, may be assisted by a resident who is not required to have a shrimp baiting license Shrimp caught over bait cannot be sold. No more than 10 poles can be used per license per day. Poles must be marked with reflective tape and may not exceed 1-inch in diameter and each pole must have a numbered tag attached which corresponds with the shrimp baiting license. No more than 10 poles can be used per boat. All poles of a licensed set must be within 100 linear yards of each other and sets of poles must be at least 25 yards apart. Poles may not be set within 50 yards of any dock, public landing or boat ramp. Unattended poles will be confiscated. Owners of private docks or persons with written permission may bait from those docks once properly licensed and with numbered tag displayed. Shrimp pots or traps are prohibited. Cast nets used for taking shrimp over bait must have a minimum mesh size of 1/2-inch square (1-inch stretch). Individuals who may NOT obtain a shrimp baiting license are: 1) owners or officers of a corporation which owns a vessel specified on a trawl license; 2) masters of a vessel specified on a trawl license; 3) licensed to use a channel net; 4) licensed to use a cast net for a commercial purpose; 5) licensed as a wholesale seafood dealer.



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Hunting Rules & Regulations

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

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on types of licenses and permits is located on pages 52-57. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. For exceptions, see page 11.

Basic Information on Hunting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Alligator Draw Hunts - Hunters will be randomly selected by computerized drawing and may only apply online. A \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to participate in the drawing. All applicants must be at least 16 years old (at the time of the hunt) in order to apply for the drawing. If selected, the permit/tag fee is \$100 and all hunters are required to possess a SC Hunting License. In addition to the \$100 permit fee and SC Hunting License, a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee applies to ALL permitted nonresident alligator hunters. Anyone may assist a permitted hunter, but all assistants must possess a hunting license unless they are under the age of 16. In addition, ALL nonresident alligator hunting assistants 16 years of age or older must obtain a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee. Endorsement, available from any license sales vendor. The deadline for applying for each year's Public Alligator Hunting Season is June 15th. The application and other details may be found on the SCDNR website. For

information regarding the Alligator Program, and licensing requirements for taking, possessing, and sale of alligators or their products, call 803-734-3938 or 803-734-4024 (the Nonresident Alligator Hunting fee for nonresident alligator hunters and nonresident assistants may be paid at any license vendor location, online at www.dnr.sc.gov, or by phone at 1-866-714-3611).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Carolina Game Zones



Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

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

Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section on page 35.

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

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

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

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

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

Coyotes and Armadillos - A hunting license is required to hunt coyotes and armadillos, however there is no closed season on hunting coyotes and armadillos on private lands statewide. Coyotes and armadillos may be hunted at night with an artificial light that is carried on the hunter's person attached to a helmet or hat, or part of a belt system worn by the hunter (50-11-710). Coyotes and armadillos may be hunted at night with a rifle no larger than .22 caliber rimfire, a shotgun with a shot size no larger than size BB, or a sidearm of any caliber that has iron sights and a barrel length not exceeding nine inches. A sidearm may not have a butt stock attached so as to create a longarm. Any weapon used to hunt coyotes or armadillos at night may not be equipped with a scope, laser site, light, or light enhancing device (including night vision or thermal imaging). It is unlawful to have in one's possession any shot size larger than a BB while hunting coyotes or armadillos at night with a shotgun, and coyotes and armadillos may not be hunted at night from a vehicle, unless specifically permitted by the department.

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

On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt coyotes and armadillos are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on the WMA - see WMA seasons listing in the Game Zones sections beginning on page 44.

The use of electronic calls for coyote hunting is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for coyotes is allowed year-round on

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

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

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

There is no closed season on hogs on private land and hogs can be hunted at night with an artificial light that is carried on the hunter's person attached to a helmet or hat, or part of a belt system worn by the hunter and with a sidearm that has iron sites, and barrel length not exceeding nine inches (50-11-710). The sidearm may not be equipped with a butt-stock, scope, laser site, or light emitting or light enhancing device. However, hogs may not be hunted at night from a vehicle, or with a centerfire rifle or shotgun, unless specifically permitted by the department

Dogs can be used to hunt and bay hogs at night as long as the hunter(s) complies with the equipment restrictions above.

Hogs cannot be hunted at night on WMAs but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where hog hunting is allowed. See WMA page 55.

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

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations (50-11-1765). It is unlawful to import coyotes. The sale of coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR (50-11-2630). A person may not have a live wolf in his possession without a SCDNR permit. Federal law prohibits importing, exporting, selling, buying, receiving or acquiring big cats across state lines. For information and exceptions, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region, 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345.

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

Primitive Weapons - For special primitive weapons seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbows and muzzleloading shotguns of twenty gauge or larger, and rifles of .36 caliber or larger with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitrocellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems including flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, or electronic. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted (50-11-310).

Turkey - Season dates: Game Zone 6 private land only, Mar. 15-May 1. Game Zones 1,2,3,4,5 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, Apr. 1-May 1. See page 37 for season dates and regulations for WMAs and private land. No Sunday hunting on WMAs.

Small Game - Small game includes the following species: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasel. Unless otherwise specified in the small game seasons charts beginning on page 36, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through Mar. 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hunting from Public Roads - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying or having readily accessible a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See WMA Regulations Page 31 for restrictions on WMA lands.

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

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

Night Hunting - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, skunk, coyotes, armadillos and hogs may be hunted at night. Information related to hunting coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs during night is provided on page 29 of this document under specific headings for these animals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transporting Firearms - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 31.

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

Trapping - Regulations are available in a separate brochure and <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>

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

Youth Hunting Days - are scheduled for many species of game and allow youth 17 years of age and under to hunt as long as they are accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years or older. Only the youth may take or attempt to take game and license requirements are waived for the youth hunter (50-9-740). See Page 56 for youth hunt day list.

WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to, roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).



WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$800 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in Jul., waterfowl and quail hunts in Sept. and youth/adult only turkey hunts in Feb.. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-Aug. (deer), mid-Oct. for quail and waterfowl and early Mar. for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 66 or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts).

GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

2.5 No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEAPONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEER

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

4.2 Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (See Game Zone sections beginning on page 44 for specific dates):

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

DOGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

VEHICLES

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

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

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

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

VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

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

CAMPING

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

TRAPPING

9.1 Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

WATERFOWL and DOVE REGULATIONS

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

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

10.2 The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management

Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.12 Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3:00 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM except on the last Saturday of waterfowl season when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 until Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

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

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

10.16 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, 40

Acre Rock, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Ditch Pond, Santee Cooper and Woodbury Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

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

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS

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

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS

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

permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir.

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

10.19 Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to hunting access Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 AM on hunt days. No open season from roads or the dike system. Hunters may only use electric motors on boats.

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

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

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

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

US Forest Service Shooting Ranges

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

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

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

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

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



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Deer & Bear Seasons on Private Lands www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife.html



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

Game Zone 1 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

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

Archery only: Oct. 17 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total
Gun Hunts: Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total
Buck only: Oct. 11 - 16, Oct. 31 - Jan. 1
Either-Sex: Nov. 5, 12, 19

Bear Seasons For Game Zone 1 ONLY

- Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 28)
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.

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

Statewide Youth Day

Private lands: Jan. 7th Limit 2 either-sex No tags required

Game Zone 2 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

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

Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - 10, Limit 2 deer total, buck only
Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8

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

Either-Sex: Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

Game Zone 3 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only
Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

Game Zone 4 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Sept. 1-14, buck only
Gun Hunts: Sept. 15-Jan. 1, buck only
Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

Game Zone 5 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Aug. 15-31, buck only
Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1, buck only
Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

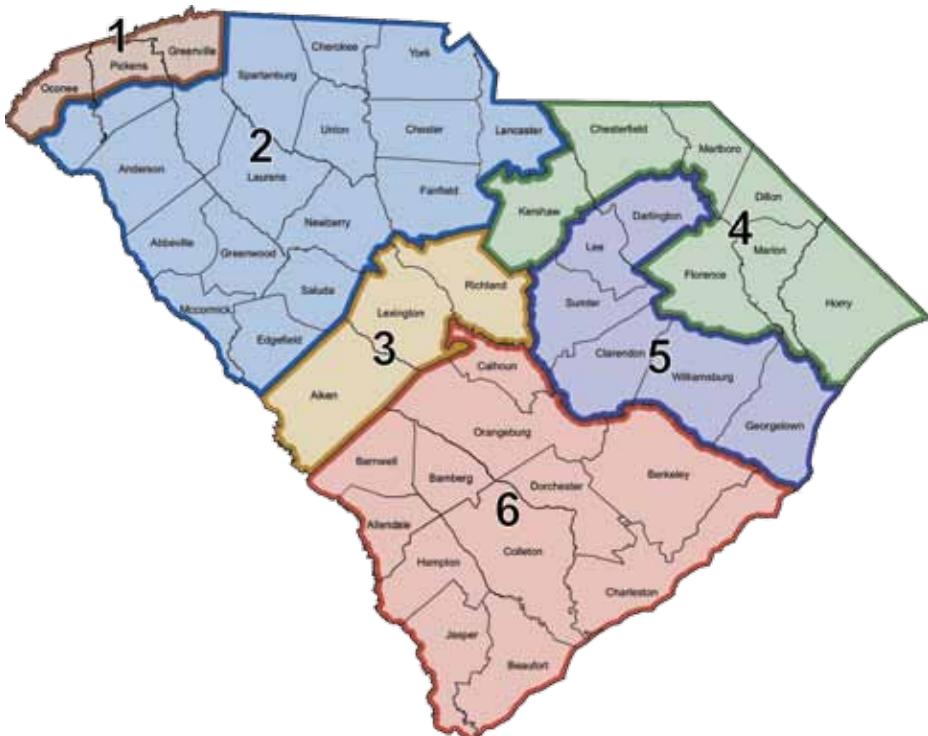
Game Zone 6 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only
Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

Small Game Seasons on Private Lands



Statewide Youth Day

Private lands

Game Zone limits apply

Raccoon: Sept. 10, 2011

Squirrel: Sept. 24, 2011

Quail: Nov. 19, 2011

Rabbit: Mar. 3, 2012

All Game Zones

Statewide Seasons on Private Lands

Mourning Doves	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) Sept. 6 - Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15	15 per day
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Quail	Mar. 2 - Nov. 20, 2011 (dogs only) Nov. 21 - Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 - Nov. 18, 2012 (dogs only)	12 per day
Rabbit	Mar. 2 - Nov. 23, 2011 (dogs only) Nov. 24 - Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 - Nov. 21, 2012 (dogs only)	5 per day
Squirrel	Mar. 2 - Sept. 30, 2011 (dogs only) Oct. 1 - Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 - Sept. 30, 2012 (dogs only)	10 per day
Fox	Nov. 24 - Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 - Nov. 21, 2012 (no guns)	No limit
Beaver	Year-round	No limit
Coyote	Year-round Electronic calls are legal	No limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	Nov. 24 - Mar. 1	No limit
Grouse	Nov. 24 - Mar. 1 Game Zone 1 only	3 per day

Game Zone 1 & 2 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2011 (dogs only)
Oct. 15 - Mar. 1, 2012, 3 per party per day
no limit for opossum
Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

Game Zone 3 & 6 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2011 (dogs only)
Sept. 15, 2011 - Mar. 15, 2012 (guns & dogs) no limit
Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

Game Zone 4 & 5 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2011 (dogs only)
Sept. 15, 2011 - Mar. 15, 2012 (guns & dogs)
3 per party per day
no limit for opossum
Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

2012 Spring Turkey Seasons on Private Lands and WMAs www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/

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

Private Lands and WMA Lands

Except Named WMAs listed below.

Apr. 1 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.
 Statewide Youth Hunt Day (tags required) Mar. 31, 2012
 Limit 5 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day, except
 2 total gobblers for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence,
 Horry, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Richland and
 Sumter counties.

Game Zone **6 Private Lands**

Mar. 15 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.
 Statewide Youth Hunt Day (tags required) Mar. 31, 2012
 Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day.

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

AREAS OPEN	LIMIT	AREAS OPEN	LIMIT	
¹ Keowee WMA	2	³ Little Pee Dee River Complex (Fri & Sat Only)	1	
Fants Grove WMA	2	Victoria Bluff WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1	
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2	² Crackerneck WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	5	
Sand Hills State Forest WMA	2	Worth Mountain WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2	
⁴ Webb-Palachucola-Hamilton Ridge	2	Draper WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2	
Manchester State Forest WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2	Wee Tee State Forest (Wed. & Sat Only)	2	
Moultrie Hunt Unit (Wed & Sat Only) Greenfield, Hall, North Dike, Porcher	2	Woodbury WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2	
Bluefield WMA (Adult/youth Only, Wed & Sat Only)	2	Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	2	
Santee Dam WMA	2	Longleaf Pine HP WMA (Wed. & Sat. Only)	2	
Edisto River WMA (Wed. Only)	2	• Game Zones 1 & 2 "unnamed" WMA's including US Forest Service Land.	5	
⁴ Oak Lea WMA (Wed Only)	2			
Marsh WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2	• Game Zones 3-5 "unnamed" WMA's - county limits apply (see Private Lands section)		
McBee WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2			
Hickory Top WMA	2			
⁵ Pee Dee Station Site WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1			
Great Pee Dee River WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1	Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required) Mar. 31, 2012. For all areas listed above except Keowee WMA.		
Tillman Sand Ridge WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	2			
Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1			
Waccamaw River HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1			
Cartwheel Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1			

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

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

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE DRAW HUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Savannah River Site will hold a draw hunt for persons with disabilities in Apr.. For hunt applications, contact Illana Burkhart, NWTF, 800-843-6983 ext 7421.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC HUNT DRAWINGS

Donnelley WMA, Santee Cooper WMA, Bonneau Ferry WMA (Adult/Youth) & Belfast WMA (Adult Hunts and Adult/Youth hunts). Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To receive an application, please write: SCDNR Turkey Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is Feb. 29.

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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

CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to get Turkey Tags

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

The Heritage Trust Program: Heritage Preserves

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

The Heritage Trust Program

The Heritage Trust Program, part of the Habitat Protection Section, created in 1976 as the first such program in the nation, has acquired 70 heritage preserves encompassing 82,725 acres statewide. Heritage preserves are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries division and protect significant natural and cultural resources. Public recreation is allowed on most heritage preserves.

Twenty-four preserves (56,976 acres; 69% of the total acreage in the Heritage Trust Program) are also Wildlife Management Areas; these are open to public hunting in accordance with certain guidelines. Hunting is not allowed on some heritage preserves because of their small size, public safety factors or other legal, security, or biological factors.

Many roads are gated because heritage preserves contain unique, sensitive and rare elements vulnerable to vehicular and inordinate foot traffic. Bag limits and season lengths on heritage preserves are set with the aim of restoring or maintaining ecological integrity. Hunting, besides being an important recreational activity, is an important management tool on and near certain heritage preserves. The Heritage Trust

Program has followed the lead of several other WMAs and prohibits fox squirrel hunting.

Cultural resources are strictly protected on heritage preserves. All projectile points (arrowheads) are protected. It is illegal to take or otherwise disturb any cultural resource or to possess a metal detector on any heritage preserve.

All snakes (including venomous snakes) and other reptiles and amphibians, as well as any non-game plant or animal, are protected on all heritage preserves. It is illegal to harm or harass any of these animals or disturb plants.

SCDNR Heritage Preserve Regulations

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

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

Heritage Preserve WMAs Contacts

Game Zone 1

864-654-1671, Ex. 24
Brasstown Creek (Oconee Co.), Buzzard Roost (Oconee Co.), Watson-Cooper (Greenville Co.), Chestnut Ridge (Greenville Co.), Ashmore (Greenville Co.), Eastatoe Creek (Pickens Co.), Laurel Fork (Pickens Co.), Wadakoe Mountain (Pickens County), Chandler (Greenville Co.) Stumphouse Mountain (Oconee Co.)

Game Zone 2

803-419-9374 Rock Hill Blackjacks (York Co.),
Forty Acre Rock (Lancaster Co.)
864-654-1671, Ex. 24 Stevens Creek (McCormick and Edgefield cos.)

Game Zone 3

803-734-3886
Aiken Gopher Tortoise (Aiken Co.)
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Co.)
Henderson (Aiken Co.)

Game Zone 4

843-546-3226
Lewis Ocean Bay (Horry Co.), Cartwheel Bay (Horry Co.), Waccamaw River (Horry Co.), Little Pee Dee River Complex (Horry and Marion cos.)

Game Zone 5

803-419-9374
Lynchburg Savanna (Lee Co.), Longleaf Pine (Lee Co.), Great Pee Dee River (Darlington Co.)

Game Zone 6

843-546-3226 Tillman Sand Ridge (Jasper Co.), Victoria Bluff (Beaufort Co.)
843-844-8957 Botany Bay (Charleston Co.), Dungannon (Charleston Co.)
843-844-8822 St. Helena Sound (Colleton Co.)

Thanks to Landowners

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

U. S. Forest Service	629,906	TIAA Timberlands II (Hancock Forest Mgt.)	4,708	Duke Power (Rows)	1,200
SC Department of Natural Resources	230,709	American Timberland II (RMK)	3,203	TNC - Ninetimes	560
SC Forestry Commission.....	90,301	Georgia Power Company	2,814	Elizabeth and Thaddeus Thomas	594
Crescent Resources	910	Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust).....	3,252	Lavinia B. George	569
SC Public Service Authority (Santee)....	23,674	SC Dept. of Commerce	1,675	City of Walhalla.....	439
Clemson University.....	11,265	SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee)	2,754	City of Clinton	276
Department of Energy	10,470	Corps of Engineers (Santee).....	2,465	Brown Family Partnership & Jack L. Brown	120
American Forest Management	16,195	Knightwood (Hancock Forest Mgt.)	1,468	Commission of Public Works (Greer)	100
SCPRT	7,571	Springland, Inc.....	1,856	Mary L. Phillips	117
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.)	6,506	Carolina Power & Light	1,036	William & Joab Lesesne	92
S.C. Electric & Gas Company.....	5,203	SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats	1,249	Elizabeth Neville	655
Timber-Lands L.P.....	1,903	Duke Energy Carolinas.....	7,353	John and Irene Blackmon.....	1,250
Plum Creek.....	4,887	York County	1,643	TOTAL	1,086,407
Teredo Timber.....	2,976	Jordan Properties	2,483		

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

WMA Program

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

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

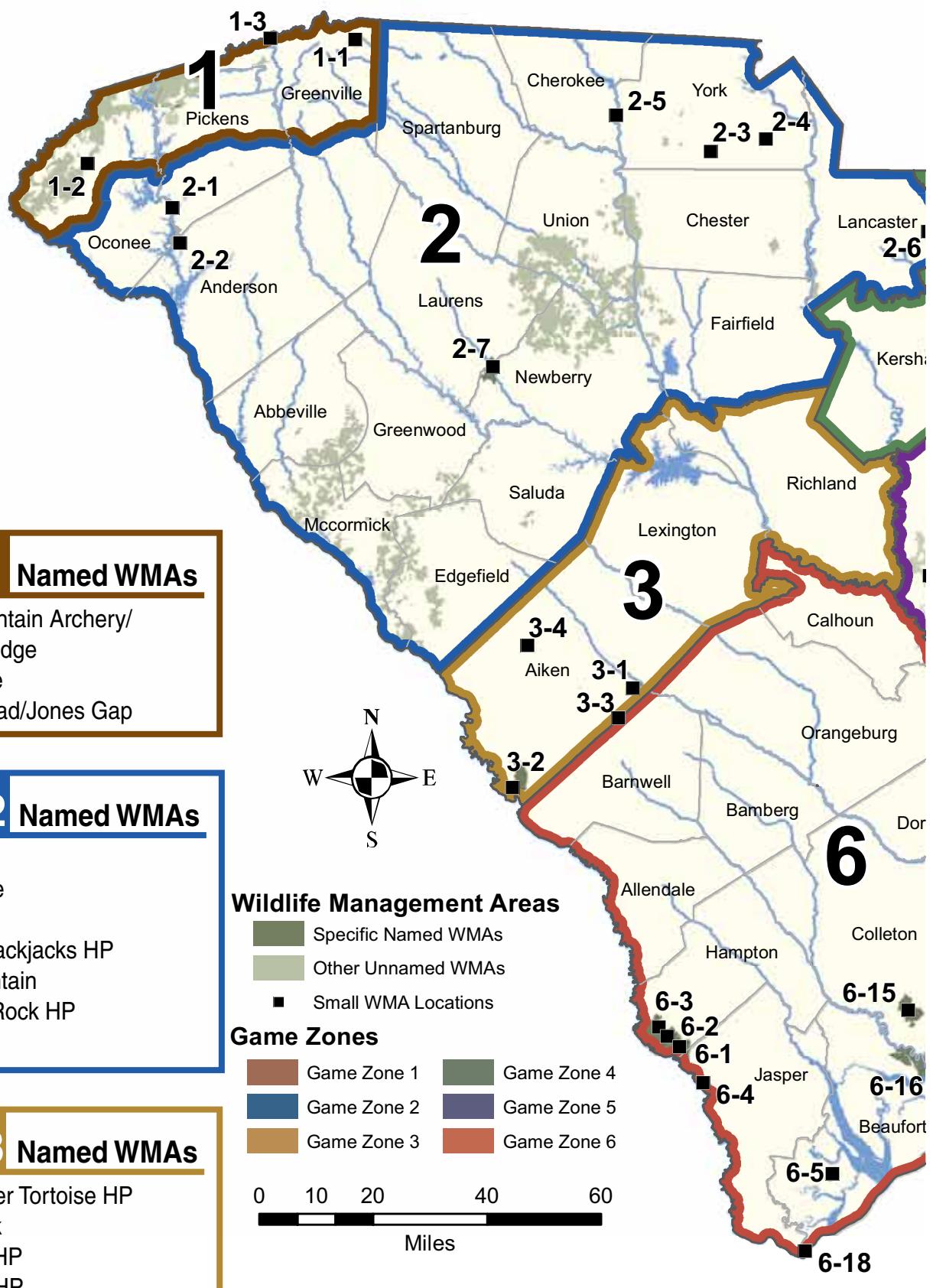
offer game hunting opportunities and are included in the WMA Program. All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission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

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 42-43. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands, write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202, call 803-734-3886 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html. Reference map # from chart below.

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

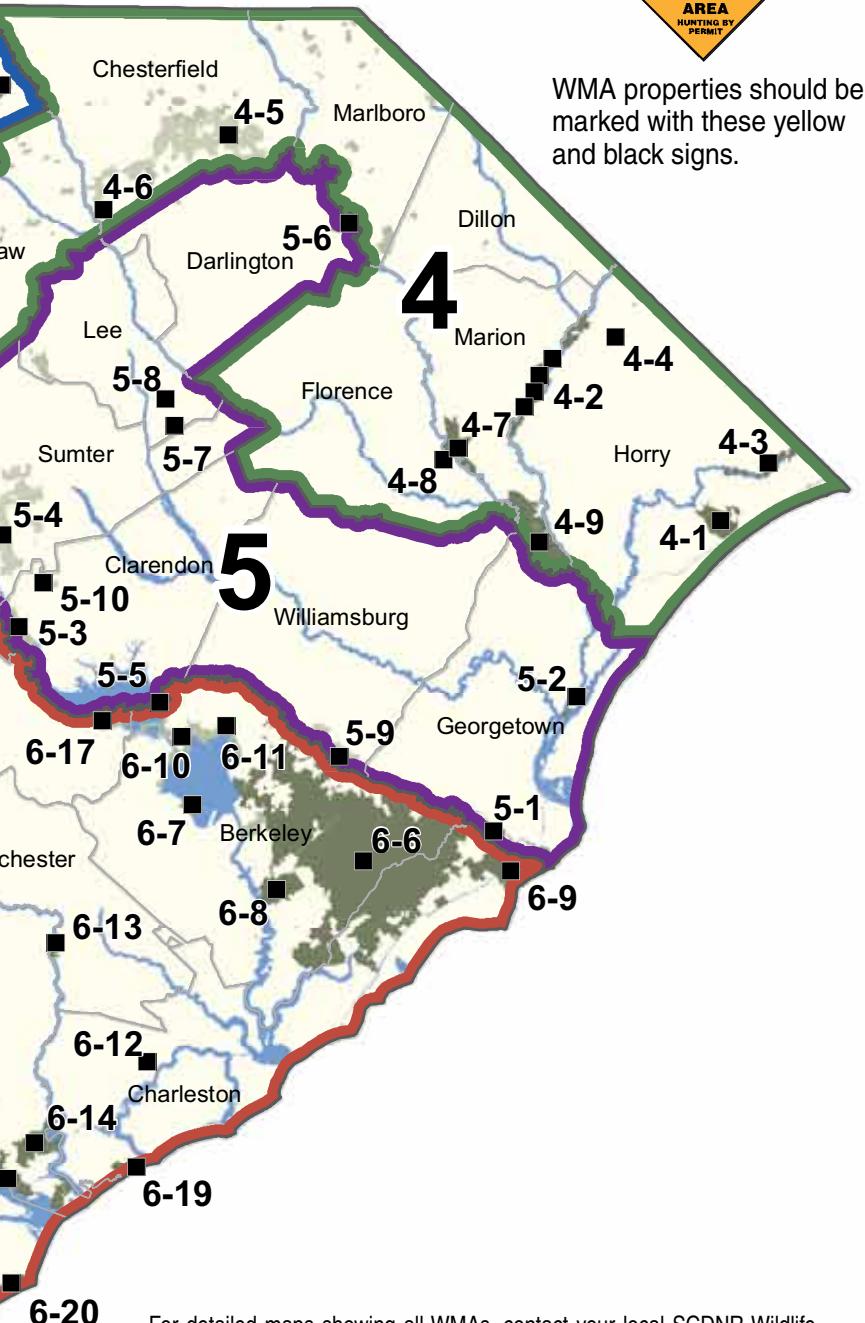
Named Wildlife Management Areas

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



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

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



For detailed maps showing all WMAs, contact your local SCDNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 66) or write: WMA Maps, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3886. Request by map number found on page 39.

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

Game Zone 4 Named WMAs

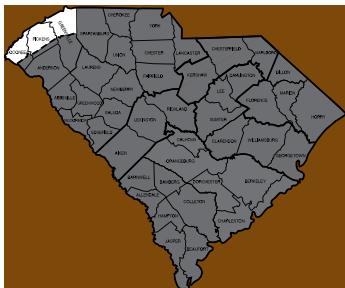
- 4-1 Lewis Ocean Bay HP
- 4-2 Little Pee Dee HP
- 4-3 Waccamaw River HP
- 4-4 Cartwheel Bay HP
- 4-5 Sandhills State Forest
- 4-6 McBee
- 4-7 Marsh
- 4-8 Pee Dee Station Site
- 4-9 Woodbury

Game Zone 5 Named WMAs

- 5-1 Santee-Delta
- 5-2 Samworth
- 5-3 Hickory Top
- 5-4 Manchester State Forest
- 5-5 Santee Dam
- 5-6 Great Pee Dee HP
- 5-7 Longleaf Pine HP
- 5-8 Lynchburg Savanna HP
- 5-9 Wee Tee
- 5-10 Oak Lea

Game Zone 6 Named WMAs

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



Game Zone 1

Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville Counties

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

This section WMA only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Deer - Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on WMAs.	
• Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid on WMA land in Game Zone 1.	
• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.	
• No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).	
• Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts.	
• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).	
• Crossbows are considered archery equipment.	
• Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply.	
• The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 1 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted.	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Archery & Muzzleloader WMA	Oct. 1-10 2 per day, 2 deer total • Archery either-sex • Muzzleloader buck only
Archery only WMA	Oct 17-29 either-sex 2 per day, 2 deer total • No muzzleloader hunting
Gun Hunts on WMA Lands	Oct. 11-15, Oct. 31-Dec. 31 buck only Nov. 5, 12, 19 either-sex 2 per day, 7 deer total • No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day. • Archery and muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.
Bear	• Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 28). • No Sunday hunting for bear on WMA. • Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24. • Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts.
Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Oct. 17-22 1 bear No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less
Party Dog Hunts	Oct. 24-29 5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less • Hogs allowed. • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 No limit • Handguns only • Daylight hours only • No more than 4 dogs per party
Small Game - Other WMAs	
• Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons.	
• No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.	
Mourning Dove	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns. Nov. 21, 2011 -Mar. 1, 2012 guns and dogs 12 per day
Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011 -Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
Grouse	Nov. 24 - Mar. 1 3 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
Named WMAs	
Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area- Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve (Greenville Co)	
Located on the southwest side of the South Pacolet River and west of the junction of the South Pacolet River and its main tributary creek as posted.	
Deer (No Dogs)	Oct. 1-Oct. 15 Archery either-sex total 2 deer Oct. 31-Dec. 31 Archery either-sex
Stumphouse WMA (Youth Area) Oconee County	
Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through Mar. 1. In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior citizens over 65 years of age are exempted from accompanying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk-in use only.	
Caesars Head/Jones Gap WMA Greenville County	
SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism special permit required. See Game Zone 1 WMA map for more details.	
Long Creek Tract (Forest Service) Oconee County	
Game Zone 1 seasons, except small game only between Thanksgiving Day and Mar. 1.	

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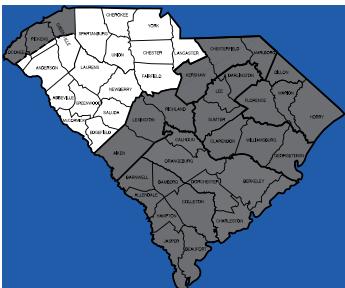
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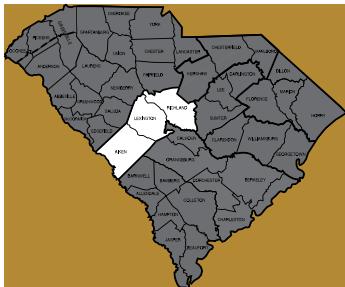
Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York Counties & those portions of the Counties of Greenville, Oconee & Pickens south of the Game Zone 1 line.

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671; 2751 Highway 72 E., Abbeville, SC 864-223-2731	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons. Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands. No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun). During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs. Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts). Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply. The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 2 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted. 	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Archery only on WMAs	Sept. 15-30 2 per day, 3 deer total Nov. 28-Dec. 10 either-sex
Archery & Muzzleloader on WMAs	Oct. 1-10 muzzle loader buck only 2 deer total archery either sex Oct. 1, 8 either-sex, muzzleloader • No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Nov. 28-Dec. 10 • Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts (Dec. 12-31)
Gun Hunts on WMAs	Oct. 11-Nov. 26, Dec. 12-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex 2 per day, 10 deer total • No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Nov. 28-Dec. 10.
Special Hog hunt with Dogs	Feb. 1-Feb. 15 No limit • Handguns only • Daylight hours only • No more than 4 dogs per party
Small Game - Other WMAs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs. Small game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons. 	
Mourning Dove	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season- dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011 - Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011 - Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24,-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	
Beaver Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit Crow Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit Named WMAs	
Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens Counties	
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total <i>Total may not include more than 1 buck.</i>
Small Game	
Shotguns only north of Highway 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Highway. Also west of Highway 291 north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Highway 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.	
Quail	Dec. 24-Feb. 29, Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day
Other Small Game	Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 15-Dec. 22
Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson Counties	
Deer Archery	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 either-sex 1 buck only 2 per day, 3 deer total Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side or minimum 12 inch antler spread.
Small Game	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Zone 2 seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 22) and Special Youth hunts (Oct. 1). Except dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields. Waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season. 	
Quail	Dec. 24-Feb. 29, Wed. and Sat. only
Draper WMA York County	
Deer	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons & Limits
Small Game	
Dove	Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.
Quail	Dec. 3, 10, 21, 28 Jan. 4, 7, 11, 14 10 per day sunrise until 4:00 pm
Rabbit	Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Jan. 18, 21, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 3 per day
Small Game other than Dove, Quail & Rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. No Fox Squirrels.
Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield County	
Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
Small Game - Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit & Quail	
	Feb. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 2 limits
Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York County	
Archery	Sept. 15-30, Nov. 28-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
Small Game	Small game hunting is not allowed.
Worth Mountain WMA York County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Deer Management Area - Antlered Bucks must have 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. Zone 2 seasons and limits apply. Use of individual deer tags and county wide either-sex days apply. 	
Small Game	Zone 2 seasons and limits.

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



Game Zone 3

Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

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

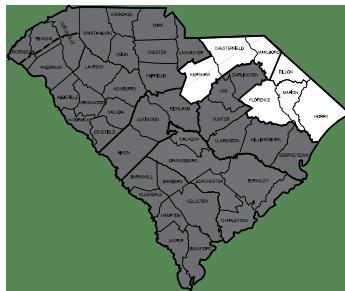
SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-3886	Law Enforcement Office: 1000 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 803-734-4303
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Other WMAs	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs. • Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept.15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Archery & Gun Hunts unnamed WMAs	Sept. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Either sex Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days. No hunting on WMAs before Sept.1.
Small Game - other WMAs	Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept.1 or after Mar.1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only), Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 WMA land No limit
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry Counties (continued)	
Deer Archery	Sept. 19-24 either-sex 2 per day, 3 per hunt period No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Oct. 1 either-sex 2 per day No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Small Game	Dec. 10-Mar. 1 except no small game hunting on Jan. 7 Game zone 2 bag limits (No open season for fox squirrels, fox or bobcats)

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Crackerneck WMA Aiken County (continued)	
Hog Party Hunts (With Dogs)	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 Handguns only.
Small Game	
Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day ONLY during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except no hunting before Oct. 21 or after Feb. 25. Game Zone 3 limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All individuals must sign in and out at gate. Bobcats, foxes, otters and fox squirrels may not be hunted. During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov. - Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30 am-7:00 pm. 	
Raccoon & Opossum	
Oct. 15-Dec. 31 Saturday nights only; Jan. 6-Feb. 25 Friday & Sat. nights only Raccoons - 3 per party per night. Opossum no limit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All individuals must sign in and out at gate. Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays -1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays -1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise. 	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)
Small Game	
Nov. 24-Mar. 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No raccoon hunting allowed. 	
Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County	
Deer Archery Only	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)



Game Zone 4

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

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

SCDNR Offices

Wildlife Offices:
295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC
843-661-4766
Georgetown, SC
843-546-3226

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

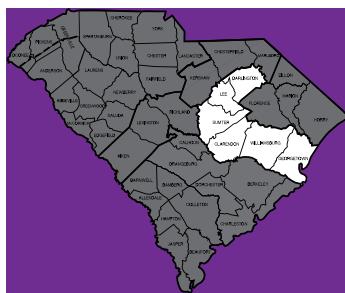
Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Deer - Other WMAs	
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.	
• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).	
• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.	
Youth Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Deer Archery only WMAs	Sept. 1-14 buck only total of 3 deer for all archery hunts, 2 per day
Deer Archery & Gun Hunts WMAs	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 buck-only Either-sex Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 2 per day 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks
Small Game - other WMAs	Small Game seasons on WMAs listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
Quail	Sept. 1-Sept. 30, training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
Squirrel	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns and dogs 10 per day
Rabbit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
Beaver	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
Crow	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1 No limit
Named WMAs	
Marsh WMA Marion County	
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh WMA.	
• All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk.	
• No ATV's.	
• No buckshot.	
• Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts & special hog hunts.	
• A portion of Marsh WMA is designated a youth special hunt area and is closed for hunting except for special draw hunts.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 3-8 either-sex 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 10-22 either-sex 1 deer per day Hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 24-29, Nov. 7-19 buck only 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Special Hog Still Gun Hunt	Mar. 1-17 (Mon.-Sat.) Hogs Only May 3-June 30, 2012, Aug. 9-25, 2012(Thurs. - Sat. only) No Limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-28 (Mon.-Sat.), July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs.-Sat. only) No Limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handguns only Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs No live hogs removed

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits			
Marsh WMA Marion County (continued)				
Small Game				
Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, & Quail	Nov. 24-Feb. 29 (Wed.-Sat. only) No open season on fox squirrels.	Game Zone 4 limits		
Woodcock	Wed.-Sat. Federal season			
Raccoons	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (nights only)	3 per party per night		
Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield County				
No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at H. Cooper Black Jr. Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555.				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex	2 per day, 3 deer total		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only			
	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks	2 per day		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muzzleloaders may be used during all gun hunts. No buckshot allowed. Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15. No man drives allowed. 				
Small Game				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555. No quail hunting allowed on H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial Area. Regular Zone 4 & 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 15-Jan. 1. 				
Special Coyote Still Hunt (No Dogs)	Mar. 1-17 coyotes only Electronic Calls Allowed	No limit		
Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns.				
McBee WMA Chesterfield County				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Nov. 26 either-sex	2 per day, 3 deer total		
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Nov. 26 buck only			
	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 either-sex 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks No dogs during gun hunts. No buckshot.			
Small Game: Quail	Hunts by drawing only. See page 31.			
Small Game other than Quail or Dove	Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits except no hunting before Jan. 10 or after Mar. 1. No fox squirrel hunting.			
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA. Hogs no limit. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. 				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 buck only Oct. 10-Nov. 5 either-sex	1 deer per day 1 deer per day		
Small Game	Nov. 7-Mar. 1 * No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 4 limits		
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA. Deer hunters must sign in and out daily and record harvest at the kiosk. No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic. Horseback riding is prohibited during all hunts. No buckshot or dogs allowed. 				
Deer Archery	Sept. 19-24, Oct. 3-22 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 24-Oct. 29, Nov. 14-19 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 28-Dec. 3, Dec. 12-19 buck only	1 buck per day		
Small Game	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 * No fox squirrel hunting	Game Zone 4 limits		
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve (HP) River Complex Horry & Marion counties - Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunters Island and Huggins tracts in Horry County which are part of Dargan HP.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex. No buckshot or dogs allowed. Wild hogs may be taken during any scheduled hunt. 				
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-24 buck only Oct. 1-15 either-sex	1 buck per day 1 deer per day		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 24-29 buck only Nov. 7-12 either-sex	1 buck per day 1 deer per day		
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 14-26 buck only	1 buck per day		
Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 1-20, 2012 hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.	No limit		
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 26-31, 2012 • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA.	No limit		
Small Game	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 • No Fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 4 limits		
Raccoon	Sept. 15 - Mar. 1	3 per party per night		
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA. Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. No buckshot or dogs allowed. No limit on hogs. 				
Deer Archery	Oct. 10-22 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 24-Nov. 5 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Gun Hunts	Nov. 14-26 buck only	1 buck per day		
Small Game				
Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only: No Fox Squirrel Hunting	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 * Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.	Game Zone 4 limits		
Raccoons	Dec. 7-Feb. 29 (Wed. nights only)	3 per party per night		
Special Hog Still Hunt	Mar. 1-20 hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.	No limit		
Hog Hunt with Dogs	Mar. 21-24, 2012 sidearms only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs.	No limit		
Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence County				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA. Scouting days are Oct. 1-2, 15-16, Nov. 5-6 Must sign in and out at kiosk. No buckshot or dogs allowed. 				
Deer Archery	Oct. 3-8 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	Oct. 17-22, Nov. 7-12 either-sex	1 deer per day		
Special Hog Still Hunts	Mar. 1-17 Hogs only, No Limit Archery, crossbows and muzzleloaders only			
Raccoon	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (Nights only)	3 per party per night		
Small Game	Nov. 26-Feb. 29 (Wed. and Sat. only)	Game Zone 4 limits		

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Woodbury WMA Marion County		
• Quality Deer Management Area—antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to the top of the point.		
• No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method.		
• All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk.		
• Hog hunting allowed only during deer hunts and special hog hunts.		
• No buckshot.		
• No ATV's allowed.		
Deer Archery	<u>Sept 15-Oct. 1</u> either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	<u>Oct. 3-15</u> either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	<u>Oct. 17-Dec. 31</u> buck only <u>Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26</u> Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex	1 deer per day, Hogs no limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Woodbury WMA Marion County (continued)		
Special Hog Still Gun Hunts	<u>Mar. 1-17 (Mon. - Sat.)</u> <u>May 3-June. 30, 2012, Aug. 9-25 2012 (Thurs.-Sat only)</u>	Hogs only No limit
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	<u>Jan. 2-28, July 5-28, 2012</u> • Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs • Handguns only • No live hogs removed from Woodbury WMA	Hogs only No limit
Small Game		
Gray Squirrels & Quail	<u>Dec. 12-Mar. 1</u> Game Zone bag limits	No open season on fox squirrels
Rabbits	<u>Dec. 31-Mar. 1</u>	Game Zone bag limits
Raccoons	<u>Sept. 15-Mar. 1</u> (night only)	3 per party per night
Fox	<u>Nov. 25-Mar. 1</u> (Nights only)	Game Zone bag limits



Game Zone 5

Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Clarendon, Williamsburg & Georgetown Counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766; 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown, SC 843-546-9489.	Law Enforcement Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766 1000 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 803-734-4303
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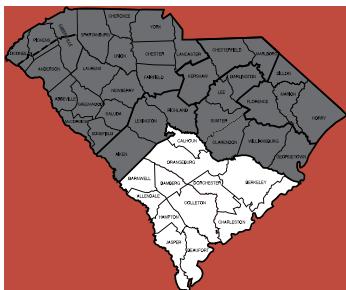
Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Deer - Other WMAs		
• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.		
• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.		
• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.		
• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.		
Youth Deer Hunt Day	<u>Jan. 7</u> (see page 56 for WMAs)	2 deer/either-sex, no tags required
Deer Archery: Other WMAs	<u>Sept. 1- Dec. 31</u> buck only Except on either-sex days	
Deer Gun Hunts: Other WMAs	<u>Sept. 15-Dec. 31</u> buck only <u>Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31</u> either-sex	5 deer total 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days.
Small Game-other WMAs		
• Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below.		
• No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.		
• Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.		
Mourning Dove	<u>Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only)</u> <u>Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15</u>	15 per day
Quail	<u>Sept. 1-Sept. 30</u> training season-dogs, no guns <u>Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012</u> guns & dogs	12 per day
Squirrel	<u>Sept. 1-Sept. 30</u> running season-dogs, no guns <u>Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012</u> guns & dogs	10 per day
Rabbit	<u>Sept. 1-Sept. 30</u> running season-dogs, no guns <u>Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012</u> guns & dogs	5 per day
Raccoon & Opossum: Dogs at night only	<u>Sept. 1-Sept. 14</u> running season-dogs, no guns <u>Sept. 15-Mar. 1</u> guns & dogs	Limit 3 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
Fox (Dogs at night only)	<u>Sept. 1-Nov. 23</u> running season-dogs, no guns <u>Nov. 24-Mar. 1</u> guns & dogs	No limit

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel		
	<u>Nov. 24-Mar. 1</u>	No limit
Beaver	<u>Sept. 1-Mar. 1</u>	No limit
Crow	<u>Nov. 1-Mar. 1</u>	No limit
Named WMAs		
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington County		
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA.		
• For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk. Gates may be locked in wet weather.		
• No buckshot.		
• Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs.		
• Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts.		
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.		
Deer Archery	<u>Oct. 3-15</u> either-sex	1 deer per day, hogs no limit
Deer Archery & Muzzle-loader	<u>Oct. 24-29</u> either-sex	1 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
Deer Gun Hunts	<u>Nov. 7-12</u> buck only	1 buck per day (Hogs no limit.)
Special Still Gun Hog Hunt	<u>Feb. 6-25</u> Hogs only	No limit
	Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.	
Small Game		
Gray Squirrels & Woodcock* only	<u>Nov. 14-Jan. 28</u> No fox squirrel hunting. *Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.	Game Zone 5 limits
Raccoons	<u>Sept. 15-Mar. 1</u> (Nights only)	3 per party per night

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County		
• Individual antlerless deer tags valid on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15.		
• No buckshot or dogs allowed.		
Archery	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u>	2 deer per day
Archery & Gun Hunts	Sept. 15-Nov. 23 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day
Small Game	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No fox squirrel hunting.	Game Zone 5 limits
Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter County		
• Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA.		
• Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.		
• No buckshot allowed during gun hunts.		
• No man-drives during either-sex hunts.		
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.		
• No deer hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.		
• Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence.		
• Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts.		
• All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters.		
• Self Deer Check at Battens, Tuomey Kiosk and Manchester SF Headquarters.		
• Some gates may be locked due to wet roads.		
Deer Archery	Sept. 19-24 <u>either-sex</u>	1 deer per day
Archery & Muzzleloader	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 <u>buck only</u> Sept. 30 only <u>either-sex</u>	1 buck per day 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 3-8, 10-15, 18-21, 25-28, Nov. 1-4, 8-12, 15-18, 21-26, 28-Dec. 2, 6-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 28 Nov. 11-12, 17-18, 26, Dec. 16, 31 <u>either-sex</u> 1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.	
Small Game	• All hunters except dove, duck and turkey hunters are required to wear international orange coat, vest, or hat. • Gates may be locked due to wet road conditions.	
Dove	Sat. afternoons only during 1st season in designated fields only. Any day during 2nd and 3rd seasons on general forest and designated fields. See Public Dove Field Regulations available in August.	
Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland & Tuomey Tracts)		
	Nov. 24-Mar. 1	12 per day
Quail: Bland & Tuomey Tracts	Dec. 5, 17, Jan. 4, 21, 28 Feb. 1	12 per day
	Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points.	
Squirrel	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No squirrel hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.	10 per day
Rabbit	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No rabbit hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.	5 per day
Raccoon: Night only	Nov. 24-Mar. 10	3 per party per night
Fox: Night only	Nov. 24-Mar. 10	No limit during gun season
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County		
Small game only - no deer hunting		
Small Game		
• Private land seasons and limits apply to this area except , no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. • No fox squirrel hunting.		
Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co.		
• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Hickory Top WMA. Hogs no limit.		
• Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts except within Greentree Reservoir from Nov. 1- Mar. 1.		
• Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.		

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits	
Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co. (Continued)		
	• Hickory Top Greentree Res. is closed to public access from Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. WMA permit required.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>	2 bucks per day 2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader (No Dogs)	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day
Small Game		
• Public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit will be allowed on all land and water below 76.8' following current regulations governing waterfowl hunting on Lake Marion. Waterfowl hunting at or above 76.8' elevation requires a WMA permit. Waterfowl hunters crossing WMA lands to hunt areas below 76.8' lake elevation must have their guns unloaded and cased.		
• Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1; quail 8 per day. • No open season on fox squirrels. • Hogs and coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.		
Oak Lea WMA Clarendon County		
• Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total from Oak Lea WMA.		
• Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Oak Lea WMA.		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-22 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day
Archery & Muzzleloader	Sept. 23-30 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day
Deer *Still Gun Hunts	Party hunts Hunters selected by drawing *Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.). Parties may hunt for 4 days (Wed.-Sat.). Hunt periods will be approximately weekly (Oct.1-Jan.1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing 803-494-8196.	3 deer per day, 1 buck/day 20 per hunt
Small Game	Small game (except quail) Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 except no small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts.	
Quail Hunts	Dec. 5, 17, Jan. 4, 21, 28, Feb. 1	12 per day
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in Aug..	
Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.		
• Hunter access by watercraft only from Borrow Point Landing (Clarendon Co.) or Wilson's Landing (Berkeley Co.) except during scheduled dove hunts (see Migratory Bird Regulations)		
Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Santee Dam WMA.		
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>	2 bucks per day 2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
Still Hog Hunts (No Dogs)	Jan. 3. - Mar. 1	No limit
Archery & Muzzleloader		
Small Game	No fox squirrels.	
Dove	Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..	
Small Game	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 - Private land limits apply.	
Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown Counties		
• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Wee Tee WMA.		
• No hunting from vehicles or from or on roads open to vehicle traffic.		
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 <u>either-sex</u> (Hogs no limit)	2 deer per day
Deer Muzzleloader & Archery	Oct. 3-15 <u>either-sex</u>	2 deer per day Hogs no limit
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 17-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u>	1 deer per day, hogs no limit
Special Hog Still Gun Hunt	Mar. 1-17 (Mon.-Sat.) May 3-June 30, 2012 (Thurs.- Sat. only)	No Limit
	Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thur.-Sat)	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown Counties (continued)	
Special Hog Hunt with Dogs	Jan. 2-28 (M-Sat.), July 5-28, 2012 (Th-Sat. only) No Limit • Handguns only. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA
Small Game	Jan. 2-Feb. 25 Game Zone limits • Gray squirrels only. • No open season for fox hunting. • No fox squirrel hunting.
Raccoon	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 Nights Only 3 per party per night
Santee Delta WMA Georgetown Co.	
Deer Archery (No dogs)	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 either-sex 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Deer and hog hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested animals at the east side of the Delta.
Santee Delta WMA Georgetown Co. (continued)	
Special Hog Still Gun Hunts	Mar. 21-23, 2012 No limit • Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated stands, shotgun with slug only or muzzleloader, no buckshot. • No live hogs to be removed from WMA.
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Mar. 17, 24, 2012 No limit Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party
Samworth WMA Georgetown Co.	
Archery (Impoundments only)	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 either-sex 2 deer per day Hogs no limit. No dogs.
Special Hog Gun Hunts	Mar. 1-3, 22-24, 2012 No limit • Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated stands, impoundments only, shotgun with slug or muzzleloader, no buckshot. • No live hogs to be removed from WMA



Game Zone 6

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

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

SCDNR Offices	Wildlife Offices: 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau, SC 843-825-3387; 585 Donnelley Dr., Highway 17, Green Pond, SC 843-844-8957; Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett SC 803-625-3569;	P. O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; Francis Marion Hunt Unit 843-825-3387; Dungannon HP WMA 843-844-8957. Law Enforcement Offices: 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston SC 843-953-9307
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Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Named WMAs	
Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
Youth Still Deer Hunt Day	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston counties	
Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts. • During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. • No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts. • Shotguns and buckshot only during dog drive hunts. • On either-sex deer hunts with dogs, all deer must be checked in by 1 hour after legal sunset. • On all still gun and muzzleloader either-sex hunts for all Units, all does must be tagged with an individual antlerless deer tag except when harvested on county-wide either-sex days. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31. • No more than 4 deer total may be taken during gun and muzzleloader hunts. • No still gun or archery hunting during deer dog drive hunts. • On youth deer hunts, only youths 17 and younger may carry a gun and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
Hellhole WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15 - Sept. 30 either-sex Hogs no limit.
Deer Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day, Hogs no limit. No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Dec. 3 buck only 2 deer total Nov. 5 either-sex • No still hunting and no rifles. • All deer must be checked at Bonneau Ferry entrance, M&B Community Mart or Hellhole check station on Nov. 5 only.
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Nov. 19 either-sex
Northampton WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 24, Oct. 5-6, Nov. 25, Dec. 28 buck only Dec. 10 either-sex 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either-sex days, Hogs no limit. All deer must be checked at P&C Grocery, Awendaw Check Station, Honey Hill Lookout Tower or Kangaroo in Jamestown on Dec. 10 only.
Santee WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Nov. 5 either-sex 2 deer per day/2 deer per day on either-sex days, Hogs no limit Sept. 9-10, Oct. 19-20, Dec. 2 buck only All deer must be checked at Bonneau Ferry WMA entrance, Hellhole check station or M&B Alvin Com. Mart on Nov. 5.
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Oct. 1 either-sex
Archery Hunts	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 either-sex
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1- Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
Wambaw WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Seewee Special Use Area (No Dogs) Archery Only	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 bucks per day, 2 deer per day on either sex days Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex
Deer Dog Drive Hunt	Sept. 23, Oct. 8, Nov. 16-17, Dec. 26-27 buck only Dec. 10 either-sex 2 bucks per day; hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on either-sex days • Still gun hunts only east of Highway 17. Rifles allowed. • All deer must be checked at Awendaw check station, P&C Grocery, Kangaroo in Jamestown or Honey Hill Lookout Tower only on Dec. 10
Youth Only Dog Hunt	Oct. 22 either-sex
Archery Hunts	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 either-sex

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Wambaw WMA (continued)	
Deer Gun Hunts	Oct. 1- Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
Waterhorn WMA Francis Marion National Forest	
Deer Archery Only	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-30 either-sex
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Oct. 24-Nov. 5 either-sex 2 deer per day Hogs no limit.
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 7-8, Oct. 14-15, Nov. 11-12, Nov. 25-26 buck only Dec. 5-10, Dec. 26-31 either-sex 2 deer per day; Hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on either-sex days
Hog Hunts with dogs: Francis Marion Hunt Unit	
Waterhorn	Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 10, 2012 No limit
Wambaw	Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3, 2012 No limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted. Hog hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and are required to wear international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. 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. Hog hunters must sign in and out at Honey Hill Lookout Tower or Awendaw Check Station upon entering and leaving Wambaw WMA. Hunts are from legal sunrise to legal sunset. 	
Francis Marion Forest Still Hog Hunts (no dogs)	Mar. 2-20 Hogs only No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only (No Buckshot).
Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Game Zone 6 private land seasons except quail limit 8 per day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only. Closed during scheduled deer and hog hunting periods on Waterhorn and when dogs are used on Wambaw, Northampton, Hellhole and Santee WMAs. No fox or coyote hunting with dogs on the Francis Marion NF. 	
Bear Island WMA Colleton County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island check station Hunting in designated areas only. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. • Campground closes Nov. 2 	
Archery	Oct. 7-15 either-sex 3 deer total, hogs no limit
Gun Hunts (Rifles only)	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Party Hog Hunt with dogs	Mar. 1-3, 2012 Handguns only No limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hog hunters required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange while hunting. Hogs may not be taken from Bear Island alive and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. No more than 4 dogs per party. Gate opens at 5 am.
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island ck station. Hunting in designated areas only.
Quail	Feb. 7- Mar. 1 (Tuesdays only) 12 per day
Raccoon & Opossum	Feb. 8 - Mar. 14 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Fri. nights only)
Other Small Game	Feb. 8 - Feb. 29 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only)
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Donnelley WMA Colleton County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters must sign in and out at the check station. Hunting in designated areas only. Gates will open at 4:00 AM for deer hunts. Open for archery scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 31, Nov. 30 (10AM-2PM). Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread. Hogs can be taken during any scheduled hunt. 	

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Donnelley WMA Colleton County (continued)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. Hogs may not be taken alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
Deer Archery	Oct. 1, 3-5, Nov. 1-5 Dec. 1-3, 5 either-sex 4 deer per season. No more than 2 bucks.
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Party Hog Hunts	Mar. 1-3, 2012 with dogs No limit Gate open at 5:00 am
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters must sign in and out at the check station. Hunting in designated areas only. Gates will open at 6:00 am.
Dove	Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Raccoon & Opossum	Dec. 6 - Mar. 13 Game Zone 6 limits. (Tu. & Fri. nights only) Opossum no limit.
Other Small Game	Dec. 7 - Feb. 29 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only) Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken at Donnelley WMA.
Waterfowl	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Hatchery WMA Berkeley County	
Deer Archery	Sept. 1-14 buck only (8 deer total) Sept. 15-Nov. 12 either-sex 2 deer per day Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.
Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult/Youth side open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. Includes all big game and small game hunts. All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering and leaving any hunt on Bonneau Ferry WMA. All deer must be checked at the main entrance. Hunting access by boat is prohibited. Hogs no limit, may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. No fox or bobcat hunting with dogs. Hunters may not enter WMA before 5:00 am. Limit 2 deer/day: total 8 deer for all hunts. No more than 2 antlered deer. 	
Deer Archery (Area A)	Sept. 1-14 buck only Sept. 15-20, Nov. 14-30 either-sex
Deer Still Gun Hunts (Area A)	No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing (Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 Nov. 3-5).
Deer Still Gun Hunts: Adult/Youth Only (Area B)	Sept. 16-Dec. 31 (Wed., Fri., Sat. only) and Nov. 21-26, Dec. 20-Dec. 31 either-sex
Small Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shots. Quail hunters must pick up, accurately fill out and return data card at the main entrance. No fox squirrel or fox hunting.
Quail (Area A)	Feb. 4, 18 Limit 8 quail per day
Quail (Area B)	Feb. 4, 18 Adult/youth only Limit 8 quail per day
Other Small Game	
Area B (Adult/Youth) and Area A	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits Except closed during quail hunts (Feb. 4, 18)

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County (continued)	
Raccoons & Opossum	
Area B (Adult/ Youth) and Area A	Jan. 3-Feb. 28 Game Zone 6 limits Tue. & Sat. nights only
Santee Coastal WMA Charleston County	
• Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
Deer Archery	Nov. 7-12, 21-26 either-sex 2 deer per day. Hogs no limit. • Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA. • Hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested deer. • No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Dec. 1-3 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Hog Hunts with Dogs	Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 16 & 23. 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 must wear international orange.
Small Game	
Quail	Jan. 25-Feb. 29 (Wed. & Sat. only) Limit 8 /day
Other Small Game	Jan. 25-Feb. 29 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only) Fox squirrels may not be hunted.
Raccoons & Opossums	Jan. 24-Feb. 28 Regular Game Zone 6 limits (Tues. & Fri. nights only)
Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston County	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Oct. 15-Dec. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day total Hogs No limit . 8 deer per season
Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County	
• No open season on fox squirrels • Quail 8 per day • No hunting or shooting within 50 feet of the center of any road during gun hunts for deer except for SCDNR draw youth hunts. • Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.	
North Dike WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot/No Dogs)	Aug. 19-Sept. 30 buck only 2 deer per day Oct. 1-29 either-sex Individual antlerless tags are valid on days not designated as either-sex on or after Sept. 15.
Small Game	
• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 except quail 8 per day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. • Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 1-Mar. 1.	
Hall WMA except Cross Station Special Use Area Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day
Small Game	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 shotguns only
Greenfield WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 buck only 2 per day Nov. 3-5, Dec. 26-31 either-sex 2 per day
Small Game	Sept. 1 - Mar. 1.
Bluefield WMA: Adult/Youth area only Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)	Aug. 17-Sept. 14 buck only (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Sept. 17-Dec. 31 either-sex (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults may also carry a firearm and hunt.
Small Game	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Porcher WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Deer Archery (No Dogs)	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day
Small Game	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Shotguns only
Cross Station Moultrie Hunt Unit	
Designated youth draw deer hunts only.	
Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg County	
Quality Deer Management Area - bucks must have minimum 4 points on one side, or a minimum 12 inch antler spread, or be spikes with 2 points (see Regulation 4.1). Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts. Data cards required for hunter access including by boat. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Santee Cooper WMA. Total 8 deer per season for all hunts combined. No more than 2 bucks.	
• No fishing within WMA beginning Oct. 1 through 2 nd full week in Dec. • Hunters limited to 2 deer/tree stands which must contain label with hunter's name and address. • No deer stand can be placed on WMA prior to Sept. 15	
Deer Archery	Oct. 3-8 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
Deer Muzzle- loader and Archery	Oct. 10-15, Nov. 7-12, Dec. 12-17 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
Small Game	
Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Small Game other than Dove	Dec. 19-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits Quail 8/day
Raccoon	Dec. 23-Feb. 25 Fri. & Sat. Nights Only
Edisto River WMA Dorchester County	
Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
Archery	Sept. 15-30 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Muzzleloader	Oct. 3-15 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
Still Gun Hunts	Oct. 17- Dec. 31 buck only 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit. Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 either-sex 1 deer/day
Small Game	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Game zone 6 bag limits except quail - 8 per day.
Canal WMA Berkeley County	
Dove	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
Quail Only	Nov. 23, 26, Dec. 7, 10, 21, 24, Jan. 4, 7, 18, 21, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18, 29 8 per day 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.
Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties	
• All deer must be checked at check station. • No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • No hog hunting during small game hunts. • Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive. • Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only. • Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts. • Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting. • Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Palachucola WMA.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 28-Oct. 15, Dec. 15-17 either-sex 3 deer total
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 31.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties (continued)	
Still & Stalk	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25 No limit
Hog Hunts (No Dogs)	May 10-12 archery & firearms Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
Hog Hunts with Dogs (Handguns only)	Sept. 8-10 No limit Mar. 1-3, 8-10 • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
Quail	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28 Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
Other Small Game	Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting on Sept. 28-Oct. 15, 20-22, 27-29, Nov. 10-12, 17-19, Dec. 8-10, 15-17 • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.
St. Helena Sound HP WMA Beaufort and Colleton counties	
Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at McKenzie Field Station, Bennetts Point, 843-844-8822. Camping Otter Island Only.	
Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Islands	
Deer Archery	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 either-sex 3 deer total Hogs no limit.
Otter Island	
Deer Archery	Nov. 1-30 either-sex 2 deer total Hogs no limit.
Raccoon	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nights Only
Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper County	
• All deer must be checked at check station. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 28-Nov. 12 either-sex 2 deer total
Deer Archery & Muzzleloader	Dec. 12-15 buck only 2 deer total Dec. 9-10, 16-17 either-sex
Small Game	• No hog hunting during small game hunts. • Private land seasons and limits apply except , no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.
Turtle Island WMA Jasper County	
• Waterfowl hunting is open on Wed.& Sat. during the waterfowl season. • Marsh hen hunting is open during the marsh hen season. • Other small game hunting is closed.	
Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort County	
All deer must be checked at check station.	
Deer Archery	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, Nov. 4-12, Dec. 2-10 either-sex 3 deer total per hunt period
Small Game	• Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2) • Private land, small game seasons and limits apply except , no hunting before Oct. 15 or after Feb. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.
James W. Webb WMA Hampton County	
• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only • Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Webb WMA.	
Deer Hunts	Still hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Still & Stalk Hog Hunts	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25, May 10-12 No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

Area/ Methods	Seasons/Limits
James W. Webb WMA Hampton County (continued)	
Hog Hunts (With dogs)	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10 No limit handguns only
Dove	Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits published in Public Dove Field list available in Aug..
Quail	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
Other Small Game	• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. & Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues.& Sat. mornings from Sept. 14-Dec. 31. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.
Hamilton Ridge WMA Hampton County	
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting. • Hogs may not be taken from Hamilton Ridge alive. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method. • Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts. • Scouting and stand placement allowed 1 day prior to hunts. • Data card required for hunter access • Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Hamilton Ridge WMA. • No ATVs allowed on area. • Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange while hunting. • Hunters may camp at designated camp ground one day prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts. • No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.	
Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Deer Archery	Sept. 19-24, Oct. 24-29, 31-Nov. 5, 14-19, Dec. 8-10 either-sex 2 deer per hunt period only 1 of which can be a buck
Hog Hunts (with Dogs)	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10 No limit Handguns only No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
Still & Stalk Hog Hunts	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25, May 10-12 No limit • Archery and Firearms. No dogs. No buckshot. • Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only. • No hog hunting during small game hunts.
Quail	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
Other Small Game	• Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Dec. 26 or after Mar. 1. • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Hamilton Ridge WMA.
Old Island HP WMA Beaufort County	
Deer Archery	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either sex 2 deer total, 1 deer per day
Botany Bay Plantation HP WMA Charleston County	
• All hunters, fishermen and visitors must obtain a day use pass, fill out the requested information and follow all instructions on the pass. • Hunting access by boat is prohibited. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • No buckshot.	
Deer Archery	Sept. 19-Oct. 1, Nov. 21-26, Dec. 19-24 Total 3 deer, either-sex, but only 1 buck
Deer Gun Hunts	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
Small Game	Jan. 4-Feb. 29 (Wed. and Sat. only) No fox squirrels Game Zone 6 bag limits except quail 8 per day
Raccoons and Opossum	Jan. 4-Mar. 15 (Wed., Thur. and Fri. only) Game Zone 6 bag limits

Hog Hunting Seasons for WMAs and Heritage Preserves

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

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

Game Zn	Area	County	Still Hunting	Special Hunts with Dogs
1	WMAs ~ Greenville, Oconee, Pickens (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens North of Game Zone 2 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Jan. 2-Mar. 1
2	WMAs ~ Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, York, (portions of Greenville, Oconee,, and Pickens south of Game Zone 1 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 2 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Feb. 1-Feb.15
3	Crackeneck	Aiken	During deer hunts	Jan. 6 - Feb. 24 (Fridays only)
4	Marsh	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 26-31
4	Woodbury	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Cartwheel Bay HP	Horry	During deer hunts (archery only)	
4	Waccamaw River	Horry	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 21 and 24
4	Pee Dee Station	Florence	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17	
5	Manchester SF	Sumter	During deer hunts	
5	Samworth	Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-3, 22-24 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	
5	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	During deer hunts and Feb. 6-25	
5	Santee Dam	Clarendon	Archery Sept. 1-Mar. 1. Muzzleloader Sept. 15-Mar. 1	
5	Santee-Delta	Georgetown	During deer hunts Mar. 21-23 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	Mar. 17 and 24
5	Wee Tee	Williamsburg, Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
5	Hickory Top	Clarendon	During deer hunts	
6	Bear Island	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts.	Mar. 1-3
6	Bonneau Ferry	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Donnelley	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts	Mar. 3-5
6	Edisto River	Dorchester	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Francis Marion Nat. Forest			
	Hellhole	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Waterhorn	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 10 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Wambaw	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Northampton	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Santee	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
6	Santee Coastal	Charleston, Georgetown	During any scheduled hunts	Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 16, 23
6	Webb	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Palachucola	Jasper	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	
6	Dungannon	Charleston	During deer hunts (archery only)	

Special SCDNR Hunts for Youth and the Mobility Impaired

Age 17 & younger

Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	Mar. 31, 2012	Private Lands Statewide; Turkey tags required. All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	
Raccoon	Sept. 10, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel	Sept. 24, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Quail	Nov. 19, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit	Mar. 3, 2012	Private Lands Only	
Deer	Jan. 7, 2012 Limit 2 deer, either sex; no tags required	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fants Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery, Webb, Bonneau Ferry, Hamilton Ridge and Botany Bay Plantation.	
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Abbeville Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Union Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Newberry Co. SCDOT	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Draper WMA York Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Manchester State Forest	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Oconee Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Anderson Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Botany Bay Plantation WMA	Region 4 SCDNR 843-844-8957, 843-869-2713
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 5	Poinsett Gunnery Range Sumter Co.	Applications available in Sept.. Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Laura Lyn Farm Union Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 12	10 Point Hunt Club Spartanburg Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 1	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Belfast WMA	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388 or 843-761-8820.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected Days	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early Sept.. Call U.S. Forest Service at 843-887-3258.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 17	Clinton House Plantation, Laurens Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 12	Yelton Farm Spartanburg Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Chufa Ridge Farm Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Johnson Farm Laurens Co Brownlee Farms Laurens Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 5	Horseshoe Falls Spartanburg Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 19	Broken Arrow Hunt Club Cherokee Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 17	Trophy Buck Club Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game	See page 53	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 53 for restrictions, dates and limits. For more information, call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388.
Ad/youth deer, sm gm	See page 52	Bonneau Ferry Area B	See page 52 for restrictions, dates. For information, call Dennis Wildlife Center 843-825-3388.

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Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Youth Only raccoon	Oct.	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Union Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2012	Orangeburg Co.	For applications call Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898. Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2012	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship	Feb. 2012	Webb WMA	Participants are selected by regional Qualifying hunts. For more information, call the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609 or Webb WMA at 803-625-3569.
Draw adult/youth turkey	Saturdays in Apr.	Santee Cooper, Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	WMA Turkey applications available in late Feb.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3886. Applications due in Mar..
Draw Adult/Youth Waterfowl	Sat. during season.	Donnelley & Bonneau Ferry WMAs	Applications available in Oct.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3609.
Mobility Impaired Hunts	Date	Location	Sponsor/Contact Info.
Most WMAs are located in remote areas without developed access. For questions concerning access conditions for specific properties and assistance contact DNR regional offices page 66.			
Deer	Selected dates	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-887-3257.
Deer	Oct. 21-22 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Cherokee, Spartanburg & Union counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Deer	Oct. 28-29 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Turkey	Apr.	Tibwin	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-887-3257.
<i>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.</i>			

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

Chronic Wasting Disease

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

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

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

Although the disease has not been diagnosed in South Carolina, it has been found in the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Hunters traveling to these states should only bring the following carcass parts into South Carolina: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; meat that has been boned out; hides with no heads attached; clean (no meat or tissue attached) skulls or skull plates with antlers attached; antlers (detached from the skull plate); clean upper canine teeth, also called "buglers," "whistlers" or "ivories;" and finished taxidermy heads.

Surveillance conducted by SCDNR on approximately 5,000 deer over the last 9 years continues to provide no evidence of CWD in SC. South Carolina should continue to have low risk for CWD for two reasons. First, South Carolina is geographically far from any known CWD. Second, there

is evidence that movements of deer/elk for commercial purposes may have played a role in the spread of CWD, and SCDNR has historically had a closed-door policy on importation of cervids for commercial purposes like deer farming or ranching. Please, do not tolerate illegal activity or behavior that threatens your hunting tradition. You can proactively protect South Carolina's deer population by reporting illegal importation of deer or elk by calling 1-800-922-5431.

Avian Influenza

Avian Influenza (AI) is a Type A influenza virus that naturally occurs in certain types of waterfowl and shorebirds around the world. Recently, a highly pathogenic AI has been found in domestic and wild birds in Asia, parts of Europe and North Africa. In these cases there has been significant mortality in infected birds, and humans have become sick from handling the sick birds. Most alarming is the fact that the death rate among the infected humans has been extremely high, averaging about 50%. At this time the experts believe that this is still primarily a bird disease, and the transmission of the virus from birds to humans does not occur easily. The documented human cases have been associated with close contact with infected poultry and wild birds.

The good news is that extensive sampling of domestic and wild birds has been done in North America including South Carolina. To this date, the virus creating the problems in other parts of the world has not been found on this continent. The SCDNR will continue to monitor shorebirds and waterfowl for the occurrence of this, and similar, viruses.

There is no need to panic. It is uncertain how this virus will move and change over time. Hunters should always pay attention to wildlife while afield. Report only multiple dead bird findings to SCDNR, except for birds of prey, as single dead birds are usually the result of various natural causes. Hunters should continue to hunt, take and dress game, cook it properly and eat it. All game should be dressed very soon after harvest and those dressing game should wear protective gear like rubber gloves and eye glasses. All game should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Point & Suspension Systems for Natural Resource Violations

www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/points

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

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

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

Table A: Game and Fish Points

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

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

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

Note:

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

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

NOTE: Some examples of Item 33 are:

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

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

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

Table B: Saltwater Points

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

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

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

Note:

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

Point System Suspension Appeals

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

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

Suspension Violations

Persons convicted of hunting or fishing while under suspension will have an additional three (3) to five (5) years added to the original suspension

Table C: Statutory Suspensions

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

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

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

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

Operation Game Thief

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



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

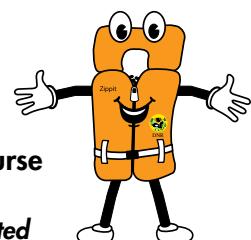
- You can make a contribution to Operation Game Thief. Contributions will be used to make rewards to persons providing information leading to the arrest of game and fish law violators. Contributions are tax deductible.
- You can report a violator (anonymously if you choose). If your information leads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



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LIFETIME RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



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

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

RESIDENCE Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____

SSN _____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

PHONE # _____ Home _____ Cell _____

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

FISHING, HUNTING & COMBINATION LICENSES

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

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

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

Lifetime Combination License Saltwater Fishing Privilege Add-on

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

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

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

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

HUNTER EDUCATION NO. _____ STATE OF ISSUE _____

SENIOR LICENSES

- | | |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Senior License* (64 years of age or older) | \$9.00 |
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Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISABILITY RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



SCDNR, License Office • PO Box 11710 • Columbia SC 29211-1710 • 803-734-3833

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

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

RESIDENCE Street _____ City _____, SC Zip Code _____

SSN _____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

PHONE # _____ Home _____ Cell _____

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

CERTIFICATION

Submit the following with your application:

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

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

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

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

LICENSE TYPES

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

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

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes No

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

I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

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

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

HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

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

HUNTER EDUCATION NO. _____ STATE OF ISSUE _____

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

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

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

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

Did not hunt in SC _____

OR

Quantity bagged in SC _____

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

SIGNATURE

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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

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

Invasive Aquatic Plants and Animals

Placement or introduction of some aquatic plants and animals into South Carolina waters is environmentally unsafe. Some non-native species rapidly reproduce and harm waterways and native aquatic life.

Preventing the introduction and spread of non-native, invasive species is the responsibility of all outdoor enthusiasts. Residents and visitors should be familiar with state and federal laws and regulations on possession, movement, and introduction of non-native plants and wildlife before introducing any living material into South Carolina waters. Any intentional or unintentional introduction may be a violation of law.

Other than for research or under a permit, it is not lawful to possess, sell, or place into any waters many water plants including hydrilla, water hyacinth, water lettuce, giant Salvinia, and any other plant on the state or Federal Noxious Weed List. Without a permit it is unlawful to introduce, import, possess, or transport for release any species of marine or freshwater fish or invertebrate not already found in the wild or not native to South Carolina. Exemptions are allowed for possession for exhibition purposes only by municipal zoos or parks, circuses, public museums and scientific or educational institutions.

SCDNR will not grant a permit unless it finds that the aquatic species was taken lawfully in the jurisdiction of origin and that the importation, release, or possession of the plant or animal is not reasonably expected to adversely impact South Carolina natural resources or wildlife populations.

SCDNR may issue special import permits to qualified persons for research and education for specific types of non-indigenous freshwater fish, otherwise they are prohibited for possession or sale. Examples include certain catfish, electric eel, walking catfish, piranha, stickleback, Mexican banded tetra, sea lamprey, and snakehead. Stocking of non-reproducing white amur or grass carp hybrids are lawful, but only when approved by SCDNR. It is unlawful to take grass carp from waters stocked as permitted by State Law Section 50-13-1630(D). The importation of tropical fish, reptiles, or amphibians for sale as pets generally does not require a permit. However, the importation or possession of a protected species is prohibited unless a permit is issued.

Because of shellfish disease introduction, it is unlawful to place oysters, clams, or mussels brought from other states into the state's saltwaters. Even open shells may have non-native animals attached or harbor diseases that will affect native shellfish. Shellfish growers may be permitted to import shellfish from safe waters.

Aquatic Invasive Species of Primary Concern

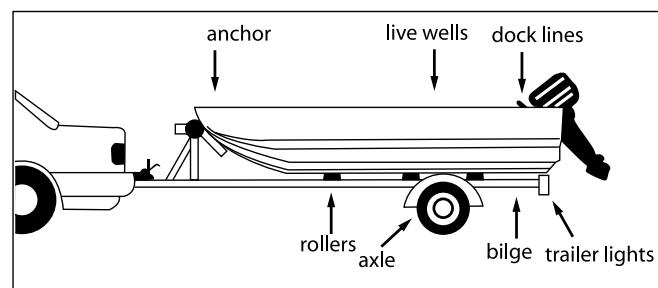
- Aquatic Plants: hydrilla, water hyacinth, water lettuce, giant salvinia, phragmites
- Invertebrates: island apple snails, green mussels, zebra mussels (Not here yet)
- Fish: flathead catfish, spotted bass, Asian carp, lionfish, northern snakehead

Aquatic Invasive Species Introduction Concerns

- Ornamental pond plants
- Invasive bait fish and crayfish
- Invasive aquaculture species
- Marine fish, shellfish, shrimp, pathogens and diseases
- Ballast water discharge

Don't Give Invasive Species a Free Ride

Regular cleaning of your boat, motor, and trailer before and after using all South Carolina waters can greatly reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species. It takes just a minute to protect our waterways.

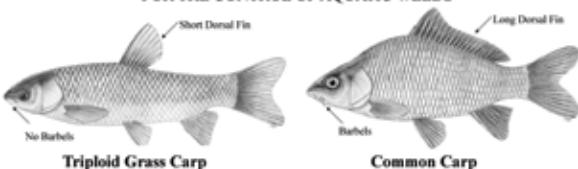


You can help Invasive Species and Diseases by:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Drain and eliminate all water from your motor, live well, boat hull, gear and clothing.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water
- Properly disposing of live bait in trash, not water bodies
- Placing shrimp parts in trash, unless they came from local waters
- Recycling used oyster shells at recycling stations
- Not releasing aquarium plants, fish, or animals



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



State Law Section 50-13-1630(D): It is unlawful to take grass carp from waters stocked as permitted by this section. Grass carp caught must be returned to the water immediately.

Any bow hunting of grass carp will be classified as "take".

SCDNR
Aquatic Nuisance Species Program



For more information:

Web site - www.dnr.sc.gov/invasiveweeds/

E-mail - invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov

Phone - Aquatic Plants 803-755-2872

Freshwater 803-734-3808

Saltwater 843-953-9300

Shellfish Recycling 843-953-9300

All Boats

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

Equipment

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

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

Navigation Lights must be on between official sunset and sunrise.

Flares are required for vessels in coastal waters.

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

Personal Watercraft

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

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

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

Marine Events

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

Minimum Age of Operators

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

Reporting Boating Accidents

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

Restrictions

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



Boating Education

For boating class schedules or additional information on subjects covered in this section, see page 60 or contact SCDNR, Boating Safety & Education, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302, in Columbia call 803-734-3995, statewide 800-277-4301 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/education.html.

Watercraft and Outboard Motor Titling and Registration Fees

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

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

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

Report Stolen Watercraft/Outboard Motor Immediately

Personal Property Taxes - The bill of sale or title to any watercraft or outboard motor requires certification that personal property taxes have been paid by the named owner as of the date of sale. Selling a watercraft or outboard motor with taxes due is a violation of the law. An owner must notify the SCDNR Watercraft Section within 30 days of selling a watercraft or outboard motor. Remember, personal property tax assessments issued during 2011 are based on the owner of record as of Dec. 31, 2010. Check the status of watercraft and outboard motor titles at www.dnr.sc.gov/boating/ and select "SC Boat Facts" before you buy.

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

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

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

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

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

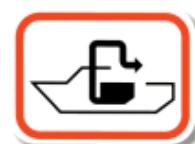
Vessel Sewage Regulations

It is illegal:

- To have a toilet installed aboard your boat without a marine sanitation device.
 - For any boat used for habitation moored at a private dock to discharge raw or treated sewage.
 - For houseboats to discharge treated or raw sewage in freshwater.
 - For any vessel to discharge in a No Discharge Zone.
- Designated No Discharge Zones**
- Broad Creek (Hilton Head Island)
 - Lake Hartwell
 - Lake Murray
 - Lake Wylie
 - Lake Keowee
 - Lake Thurmond

What Can You Do?

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



**KEEP OUR
WATER CLEAN—
USE PUMPOUTS**

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

SCDNR Education & Outreach Programs

Hunter Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boater Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bowhunting Education



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

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

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

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

Trapper Education

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

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

Take One Make One™



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

Archery in the Schools Program



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

The South Carolina Archery in the Schools Program is for public and private schools and may be modified to include home school associations. You can learn more about the program by contacting the state coordinator, Sgt. Dennetta Dawson, call 1-800-277-4301, e-mail DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov, write to Investigations & Education, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, or go to www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/archery/.

Scholastic Clay Target Program

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

SC Reel Kids



This program sets goals designed to be fun, educational and active for kids under 16. SC Reel Kids participants work toward catching their first fish, learning about fish and improving fish habitats. For their efforts, prizes are awarded in recognition of meeting the program goals. For more information on the SC Reel Kids program and other aquatic education programs call 803-737-8483 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed.

Youth Bass Fishing Club



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

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