

15A NCAC 10B .0303 OPEN SEASONS

(a) The open season for the taking by trapping of fur-bearing animals as those animals are defined in G.S. 113-129(7a), as well as the taking by trapping of coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs, shall be October 1 through the last day of February, subject to the following:

- (1) trapping coyotes shall also be allowed during local fox trapping seasons and in accordance with methods described by local law in counties that have established fox trapping seasons by law outside the regular trapping season described in Paragraph (a); and
 - (2) there is no closed trapping season for nutria east of I-77.
- (b) Feral Swine. There is no closed season for trapping feral swine, subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) in addition to a hunting or trapping license, a permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission is required to trap feral swine. Individuals exempted from license requirements under the provisions of G.S. 113-276 may trap feral swine without a hunting or trapping license, but must also acquire the permit. Individuals may obtain a permit free of charge online at ncwildlife.org by indicating the county where trapping will occur.
 - (2) feral swine may be live-trapped using only corral or box traps. Corral and box traps must be constructed so that a non-target animal may be released or can escape without harm. The permit number must be displayed on the traps; and
 - (3) feral swine shall be euthanized while in the trap and may not be removed from the trap alive.

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