

## SUBCHAPTER 10J - WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA REGULATIONS

### 15A NCAC 10J .0101 DESIGNATION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREAS

(a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Wildlife Conservation Area" means lands owned, leased, controlled, or cooperatively managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission primarily for the conservation of nongame wildlife resources including those areas designated and posted as Wildlife Conservation Areas and those designated and posted as Waterbird Nesting Areas.
- (2) "Other materials" means metals, minerals, rocks, soil, organic debris, buildings, fences, archeological resources as defined in G.S. 70-12, and water.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified and posted the following areas on Wildlife Conservation Areas that have additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- (1) "Safety Zones" are areas where hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or archery equipment as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 within, into, or across a posted safety zone on any Wildlife Conservation Area. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- (2) "Restricted Zones" are areas closed to use by the public, and entry upon such an area is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Commission may authorize entry when the primary purpose for the Restricted Zone shall not be compromised, and the persons requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or official business of the Commission is being conducted by a contractor or agent of the Commission. Valid needs may include access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other activities in the public interest.

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