

**15A NCAC 10B .0219 COYOTE**

(a) When taking coyotes, the following shall apply:

- (1) There is no closed season for taking coyotes.
- (2) There is no bag limit.
- (2) Coyotes may be taken on private lands anytime during the day or night.
- (3) Coyotes may be taken on public lands without a permit from the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
- (4) Coyotes may be taken on public lands with a permit from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- (5) Hunters may use electronic calls and artificial lights to take coyotes.

(b) In the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrell, and Washington, the following shall apply:

- (1) Coyote hunting on public lands is prohibited, except that coyotes may be taken on State-owned game lands by the holder of a permit for a specific special hunt opportunity for coyotes authorized by G.S 113-264(d).
- (2) Any special hunt for coyotes pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d) shall only allow hunting from the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
- (3) Contests or competition coyote hunts on public lands are prohibited.
- (4) If, within a calendar year, two or more red wolves are shot by one or more hunters with a valid special hunt permit for coyotes on State game lands within the five counties identified in this Paragraph, all special hunts for coyotes on State game lands within those five counties shall be suspended for one calendar year.
- (5) Coyotes may be taken on private lands by permit only, and any take shall be reported within 24 hours to the by phone at 919-707-0040 or online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).
- (6) There is no closed season for taking coyotes on private lands. Coyotes may be taken on private lands from hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset only.
- (7) Coyote hunting permits are in addition to hunting licenses. Individuals exempted from license requirements under the provisions specified in G.S. 113-276 shall acquire the coyote hunting permits to hunt coyotes in the counties specified in this Paragraph. Coyote hunting permits are valid for one calendar year and are subject to annual renewal. These permits are non-transferable. Permit holders shall submit their harvest reports in order to be eligible for permit renewal.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;  
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Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 2011;  
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Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until amendments expire as specified in G.S. 150B-21.1(d) or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina's court order number 2:13-CV-60-BOs signed on May 13, 2014 is rescinded, whichever date is earlier. The court order is available at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org);  
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