

## SUBCHAPTER 10E – PUBLIC FISHING AND BOATING ACCESS AREAS

### 15A NCAC 10E .0101 DEFINITION

For the purpose of this Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Boating Access Area" means property which is owned, leased, cooperatively managed, or controlled by the Commission, and developed and maintained for the purpose of providing the following types of vessels ingress to and egress from public waters:
  - (a) motorboats, as defined in G.S. 75A-2(1e); and
  - (b) non-motorized vessels that use an electric motor or manual means as the principal source of propulsion.
- (2) "Public Fishing Area" means property which is owned, leased, cooperatively managed, or controlled by the Commission, and developed and maintained to provide public fishing opportunities. These areas include Community Fishing Program waters.

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### 15A NCAC 10E .0102 REGULATIONS POSTED

### 15A NCAC 10E .0103 SIGNS AND MARKERS

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### 15A NCAC 10E .0104 USE OF PUBLIC FISHING AND BOATING ACCESS AREAS

- (a) Individuals using public fishing areas and boating access areas shall adhere to posted signs and markings regulating use of the area.
- (b) Except where facilities are provided or where otherwise posted, use of public fishing areas for purposes other than fishing is prohibited.
- (c) Except where facilities are provided or permits are issued, use of boating access areas for purposes other than launching and retrieving vessels and parking vehicles with vessel trailers is prohibited.
- (d) Operating concessions is prohibited on public fishing areas and boating access areas.
- (e) Organized activities and events on boating access areas require a permit from the Commission. Individuals may apply for a permit at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) by providing the following information:
  - (1) organization name, if applicable;
  - (2) contact name, address, phone number, and email;
  - (3) public fishing area or boating access area name and body of water;
  - (4) description of activity or event;
  - (5) dates and time of activity or event; and
  - (6) number of individuals and or boats expected.

Permits shall be available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers when the activity is taking place.

- (f) Vehicles, boat trailers, and other objects that obstruct, prevent, or impede use of ramps or facilities constructed for the purpose of launching or landing boats, or fishing, shall not be left in a location, position or condition, on any public fishing area or boating access area that prevents or impedes the use by others.
- (g) Vehicles, boats, boat trailers, and other objects shall be parked in designated parking zones. When designated parking zones are at capacity, individuals may still enter and use the areas or facilities.
- (h) No person shall operate a vehicle at a public fishing area or boating access area in a manner that endangers life, limb, or property.
- (i) No person shall possess a loaded firearm on a public fishing area or boating access area, except that individuals with a valid concealed handgun permit may possess a handgun where allowed. Individuals carrying a handgun shall adhere to the requirements of G.S. 14-415.11. Individuals shall not carry a handgun on public fishing and boating access areas at the following game lands:
  - (1) Bladen Lakes State Forest

- (2) Buckhorn
- (3) Butner-Falls of Neuse
- (4) Chatham
- (5) DuPont State Forest
- (6) Harris
- (7) Hyco
- (8) Jordan
- (9) Kerr Scott
- (10) Lee
- (11) Mayo
- (12) Pee Dee River north of U.S 74
- (13) Sutton Lake
- (14) Vance
- (15) the portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119

(j) No person, shall deposit debris or refuse on the grounds of a public fishing area or boating access area.

(k) No person shall operate a vessel within 50 yards of a Commission-owned or managed boating access area at greater than "no wake speed", as defined in 15A NCAC 10F .0301 unless otherwise posted.

(l) It is unlawful to feed or release wild, domesticated, or feral animals or birds on public fishing areas or boating access areas without prior written authorization from the Commission. Authorization may be granted to individuals acting on behalf of the Commission, those conducting scientific investigations or surveys, or for release of rehabilitated wildlife. As applied in this Paragraph, "domesticated animals" does not include pets under the control of the owner and raptors or hunting dogs where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes.

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#### **15A NCAC 10E .0105 DESIGNATED FISHING AND BOATING ACCESS AREAS**

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