

**15A NCAC 10H .1502 DEPREDAATION PERMITS ISSUED BY WILDLIFE CONTROL AGENTS**

(a) WCAs may issue depredation permits to landholders and may be listed as a second party on the permit to provide wildlife damage control or wildlife removal services. Depredation permits shall be issued and administered in accordance with the applicable provisions and requirements of 15A NCAC 10B .0106.

(b) WCAs shall not issue depredation permits for the following:

- (1) any endangered, threatened, or special concern species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0103 - .0105;
- (2) coyotes in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or Washington counties;
- (3) big game animals, including Black Bear, White-tail Deer, and Wild Turkey;
- (4) elk; and
- (5) bats.

(c) WCAs shall be authorized to issue depredation permits for the taking of wildlife not prohibited in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, provided there is evidence that the wildlife is or has been damaging or destroying property.

(d) Depredation permits shall not be issued for the taking of migratory birds unless a corresponding, valid U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service depredation permit, as required by 50 CFR 21.100 has been obtained, if required.

(e) WCAs shall not receive compensation for the issuance of depredation permits; however, nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the ability of a WCA to receive compensation for investigations or wildlife damage control and removal services.

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