

## Enter Wildlife in North Carolina's Annual Photo Competition

The seventh annual Wildlife in North Carolina magazine photo competition is underway and open until September 1, 2011. The magazine partners again with UNC-TV for the popular juried contest, along with the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, which manages the state's photogenic state parks, and co-sponsor, Great Outdoor Provision Co.

All winners will be published in the January/February 2012 issue of Wildlife in North Carolina, with the grand prize image appearing on the cover. Thanks to exhibition sponsor, JW Photo Labs of Raleigh, the winners will also be exhibited at the Museum of Natural Sciences and at other science museums and wildlife education centers across the state.

Photos will be judged in 8 categories, with youth divisions for 12 and younger, and 13 to 17 year olds: Birds; Mammals; Reptiles and Amphibians; Invertebrates; Wild Landscapes; Youth Photographer, 13-17; Wild Plants (including mushrooms and other fungi); Outdoor Recreation (such as hunting, fishing and hiking); Animal Behavior; and Youth Photographer, 12 and under.

Participants in the 2010 competition included 1,270 photographers and 5,511 entries. Winners will be selected by a panel composed of staff from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

For competition rules, information and how to enter photos, go to [www.ncwildlife.org/contest/index.htm](http://www.ncwildlife.org/contest/index.htm). All photos must be entered electronically, no slides, negatives or prints will be accepted by mail.

The award-winning Wildlife in North Carolina magazine is published bimonthly by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Subscription information can be found on the Commission's website at [www.ncwildstore.com/magazine.html](http://www.ncwildstore.com/magazine.html).

## Just for Women, Fishing Basics and Fun at September Workshop

The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program, provided in North Carolina by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, is offering women a helping hand in fishing basics on September 11. For a \$25 registration fee, women can experience the basics - and fun - of fishing at Bass Pro Shop's pond in Concord, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Participants will learn about fishing knots, equipment, pond and lake ecology, types of baits and lures, and especially when to use what bait. They will have time to practice those skills and fish in the "catch and release" waters of Bass Pro Shop's pond under the guidance of experienced instructors.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is an international program in which women 18 and older learn outdoor skills through hands-on experiences. In North Carolina, workshops are held across the state and offer a variety of outdoor skills, including fishing, hunter safety, target shooting, archery, canoeing, motorboat safety, outdoor cooking, tracking and map-and-compass.

For more information go to [www.ncwildlife.org/BOW](http://www.ncwildlife.org/BOW) or contact BB Gillen at 919-218-3638 or [bb.gillen@ncwildlife.org](mailto:bb.gillen@ncwildlife.org).

## Commission Approves Wildlife Management, Fishing Proposed Regulations Changes

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted on July 7 to take to statewide public hearings 55 proposed changes to the state's wildlife management and fishing regulations for the 2012-2013 seasons. Proposed changes include lengthening the bear hunting season in Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Martin, Northampton, and Pitt counties and opening a bear hunting season in Edgecombe, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Stokes, Vance, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties. Proposals also include changing the bear season in Yadkin, Iredell, Alexander, and Catawba counties and opening the portions of Cleveland, Burke and Surry counties that are currently closed to bear hunting.

The Commission is also proposing increasing the general statewide minimum size limit for smallmouth and spotted bass and increasing the minimum size limit for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass in Public Mountain Trout Waters and waters in and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Polk counties. These changes are part of an effort to standardize the general statewide minimum size limit for these species.

For full text of the proposed regulations changes, see the Proposed Changes in Fishing and Wildlife Management Regulations for 2012-2013 for Public Notice and Presentation at Public Hearings document.

The 2012-2013 public hearing for Anson County (District 6) will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 8 at South Stanly High School in Norwood.

## New Law Requires Written Permission to Hunt or Fish on Posted Lands

A new law passed by the North Carolina General Assembly requires hunters and anglers to obtain written permission from a landowner or leaseholder before hunting or fishing on privately-owned posted property — including land, waters, ponds or legally established waterfowl blinds. The Landowner Protection Act also provides two ways for landowners to post their lands to allow only hunters, trappers and anglers with written permission to legally enter their property. Landowners can now post their land by using vertical purple paint marks on posts or trees, or, as in the past, by placing signs or posters. View the Landowner Protection Act document with more detailed instructions on posting property with signs or purple paint.

The Landowner Protection Act specifically relates only to hunting, fishing, or trapping on posted lands. It clarifies the existing G.S. 14-159.6 requirement for written consent to hunt, fish, or trap on posted lands by specifying that written permission, dated within the past 12 months and signed by the landowner, leaseholder, or agent of that land, be carried and displayed upon request of any law enforcement officer. If a hunting club has leased the land, a person shall have a copy of their hunting club membership and a copy of the landowner permission granted to that hunting club.

The Landowner Protection Act does not change general trespass laws nor have any effect on lands that are not posted. It does not repeal any local acts currently in effect that require written permission to hunt, fish, or trap. Under existing landowner liability law, landowners providing permission for hunting or fishing on their property, without charge, assume no more liability than currently is afforded a trespasser, in accordance with G.S. 38A-4.

The Landowner Protection Act goes into effect October 1, 2011. Violation of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor. For more information on the Landowner Protection Act, including frequently asked questions, and a sample permission form, visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

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