

Wildlife Commission to Conduct Nine Public Hearings Starting January 5

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will conduct nine public hearings in January on proposed changes to the state's wildlife management, game lands and fishing regulations for the 2016-17 seasons. Among the wildlife management-related proposed changes is one that would allow the sale of raw (untanned) deer hides from an animal that has been legally harvested or was killed by a motor vehicle. Current regulations regarding the reporting and identification of harvested deer would apply, but there are no proposed additional tagging requirements for selling hides. Processed hides require a Trophy Sale permit in order to be sold legally.

Another wildlife management-related proposal would change the regulation of a bear cub from any bear weighing less than 50 pounds to one weighing less than 75 pounds. This proposed regulation is necessary to make the commission's rules consistent with state law adopted in the 2015 legislative session.

In the Piedmont and Coastal areas of the state, a proposed regulation would allow youth to hunt all day in waterfowl impoundments must end at 1 p.m. and decoys must be removed by 3 p.m. Removing these time barriers will allow youth additional hunting opportunities and encourage youth hunter recruitment and retention.

Another proposal would allow Wildlife Damage Control Agents to renew their status every three years by attending the commission's training or completing an equivalent in continuing education courses. Currently, the only option agents have for recertification is attending a commission training course; however, this proposal, if passed, will give agents more options and flexibility when getting recertified.

More information on all of the proposed regulations to the state's wildlife management, game lands and fishing regulations for the 2016-17 seasons can be found online at ncpaws.org.

The comment period for all other proposed regulations will run through January 25. After collecting and considering all public comments, the 19 Wildlife Commissioners will meet on February 11 to decide whether to adopt the proposals. Approved proposals will take effect August 1, 2016.

Anson County is in District 6. The meeting for this district will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 7 p.m. at South Stanly High School in Norwood. The address is 40488 South Stanly School Road.

Pee Dee Electric Helps Promote Teacher Excellence

Pee Dee Electric is helping to advance educational excellence by teaming up with the Kenan Fellows Program to offer K-12 teachers within its seven county service territory a chance to work alongside its team of industry experts. The Kenan Fellows Program was established in 2000 as an initiative of the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology and Science at N.C. State University. The program fosters collaboration between K-12 educators, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals, philanthropic organizations, universities, museums, businesses, and industries across North Carolina to drive innovations in education and inspire future generations of great thinkers, leaders, and inventors.

"Pee Dee Electric understands the importance of education and the opportunities that are afforded to individuals from attaining a solid educational foundation," said Donnie Spivey, ceo of Pee Dee Electric. "Even more so, we understand the impact that excellence in education can have on a community."

Pee Dee Electric's support helps to create more professional learning opportunities for exceptional K-12 educators across the state. A core goal of the Kenan Fellows Program is to develop effective teacher leaders who serve as advocates for excellence in education. Key components of the program are a three-week summer teacher internship with a mentor in a research setting or local industry, like Pee Dee Electric.

"As members of the communities in which we serve," stated Spivey, "we feel it's important to provide ways for our educators, students and citizens alike to benefit from opportunities by promoting and supporting excellence in education. The Kenan Fellows Program is providing us with a solid foundation to do just that."

Solutions-driven K-12 teachers selected as Kenan Fellows receive 80 hours of professional development to support them as they develop innovative lessons for students, lead professional development for their colleagues, and design community-engagement activities. These educational resources and programs are shared with other educators and used in classrooms, school systems and communities throughout the state and beyond.

In addition to the internship and professional development, the selected educator will receive a \$5000 award to help cover travel expenses. The fellowship requires a one-year commitment and educators remain in the classroom while completing the requirements. Using the experience and training provided by the program, educators develop and implement innovative, one-of-a-kind educational curricula for students, professional development for their colleagues, and design community-engagement activities.

Online applications for 2016-17 fellowships are open until Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 at kenanfellows.org. The 2016-17 Kenan Fellows will be named in early May 2016. So far, more than 350 teachers from across the state of North Carolina have gone through the program which has been recognized as a national model for teacher leadership.

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities we serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Richmond, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, and Scotland counties. For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit www.pdemc.com.

Kiwanis Club Asks for Community Support for Their Local Projects

In a release from the Kiwanis Club of Wadesboro: The Kiwanis Club of Wadesboro serves all the youth of Anson County with programs designed to encourage our children to be the best that they can be. If our children are to be our future leaders then we must spend time to help them with their development. We need more volunteers and your financial support to help us continue the programs that have been so successful. Our "Terrific Kids" program is in every elementary school in the county. We have received overwhelming support from the administration and faculty at each school.

In addition, we have participated in many other programs, some of which include Coats for Kids, Relay for Life, Safe Kids, Anson Chamber of Commerce Bicycle Ride, Uptown Wadesboro's Fall Festival, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Leadership Anson, and A Blessing in a Book Bag.

In order to fund these programs with children as our primary focus we have chosen to have an annual mailing campaign. In that campaign we are asking business donors for support in the form of a \$100 donation, or any size donation from citizens. If you can contribute, please send any amount you can to: Wadesboro Kiwanis Club, PO Box 236, Wadesboro NC 28170.

The children of Anson County need your support. All the money raised by this fundraising campaign will be spent on Anson County children. This money is not diverted to other counties or states - it stays in Anson County for our kids. When so much money raised in Anson County is being sent to other places, isn't it nice to know that this money will remain here? Please consider how far your donation will go to help our kids.

Thank you so much for your support in the past, and for your continued support of the children of Anson County.



On behalf of the family of the late Charles Ingram, we would like to thank you all for your acts of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. We are thankful for all the visits, cards, floral tributes, and most of all, your prayers.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you and keep you in His care.

We ask that you continue to pray for our family and we will do the same for you.

Lovingly submitted,

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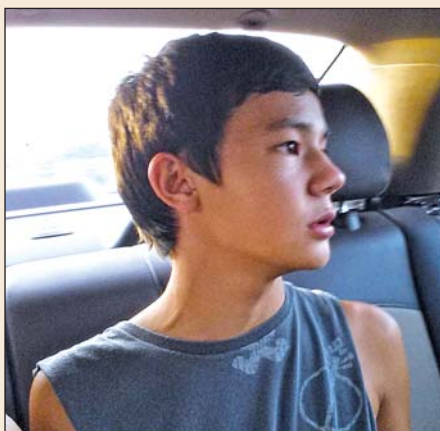
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