

HUNTING RULES FOR 1952-53

The Safety section of this issue of The Echo as you will note is devoted to the rules of safety while hunting. Hunting is truly a great sport and we have many nimrods here at Ecusta and as you embark on your adventure into the wilds we hope that you will observe these safety rules and have a successful and profitable hunt.

So in keeping with the hunting season we are listing below some of the rules and regulations pertaining to the hunting of different game animals in and around Western North Carolina. If we fail to list some regulations you are interested in please call the Athletic Department,

OPEN SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS ON GAME SPECIES

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or to have in his possession, any game bird or game animal except during the season and in accordance with the limits herein prescribed, unless otherwise specifically permitted by law. Lawful seasons and bag limits for each species are from sunrise on the first day of the listed season to sunset on the last day of the listed season, with all dates being inclusive except for Sundays.

A. BEAR

1. Open Season: OCTOBER 15 - JANUARY 1.

Exception: (a) In the Western counties where the hunting of deer by dogs is prohibited there shall be no hunting of bear during any open season on deer, except as otherwise specified in Wildlife Resources Commission and U. S. Forest Service regulations applying to the Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas.

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 2; Possession, 2; Season, none.

Exception: (a) In and west of Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford counties the bag limits are 1 per day, 2 in possession, and 2 per season.

B. DEER (White-tail) Only male deer with visible antlers may be taken.

Open Season: NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 6 in the following counties: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, and Transylvania.

Exceptions: (a) That part of Buncombe County southeast of Asheville and bounded on the north by U. S. Highway No. 70 and on the west by U. S. Highway No. 25; that part of Henderson County east of U. S. Highway No. 25; that part of Haywood County north of U. S. Highway No. 19A-23; and that part of Jackson County north and west of U. S. Highway No. 19A-23 and N. C. Highway No. 107, are closed to deer hunting.

E. RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

1. Open Season: OCTOBER 15 - FEBRUARY 14.

2. Bag Limits: No restriction

F. RABBITS

1. Open Season: NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 31

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 5; Possession, 10; Season, 75.

G. SQUIRREL

1. Open Season: OCTOBER 1 - JANUARY 1 (Western) in the following counties:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 8; Possession, 16; Season, 100.

Exceptions: (a) In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties the limits are 6 per day, 12 in possession, and 75 per season. (b) The above limits may include 1 fox squirrel per day, 2 in possession, and 10 per season.

H. QUAIL (Bobwhite)

1. Open Season: NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 31.

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 8; Possession, 16; Season, 100.

I. WILD TURKEYS (Gobblers or Toms only)

1. Open Season: NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 31.

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 1; Possession, 2; Season, 3

J. RUFFED GROUSE (Native Pheasant)

1. Open Season: OCTOBER 15-JANUARY 31

Exception: (a) November 27 - January 31 in and northeast of Mitchell County.

2. Bag Limits: Daily, 3; Possession, 6; Season, 30.

Exception: (a) In and northeast of Mitchell County the limits are two per day, 4 in possession, and 20 per season.

K. PHEASANTS (all non-native varieties)

1. Open Season: NOVEMBER 1 - JANUARY 31.

Exception (a) No open season in the following counties:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Currituck, Dare, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Pitt, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin.

2. Bag Limits: No restriction.

L. FOXES (Red and Gray)

1. Open Season: Foxes may be taken with guns when the season is open for any other game bird or animal, except that where county fox laws regulate the season, the local law shall prevail.

2. Bag Limits: No restriction.