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Fishing In North Carolina Offers The Fisherman Many Opportunities **Ducks Unlimited**

Reaffirming Ducks Unlimited's commitment to help stem the loss of nearly 600,000 wetland acres in North America each year, newly elected DU President Robert M. Eberhardt of Stockton, Ca., has announced that the private, non - profit organization will conserve almost a million habitat acres across Canada for waterfowl during the next two years.

Addressing delegates at the group's recent 45th international convention in Reno, Nevada, Eberhardt said that the funding needed to reserve, restore and manage this new habitat acreage had been approved by the board of trustees. DU's 27th president further explained that since its inception in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has secured half of the 6 - million acres of breeding habitat needed to stabilize this continent's waterfowl resource. "The remaining three million acres," Eberhardt said, "must be conserved at a much greater pace before we lose them to expanded agricultural and industrial development."

Eberhardt went on to say that the 410,000 - plus membership organization has set a record fund raising goal of \$37,000,000 for 1982 to underwrite its ambitious habitat programs in Canada, where over 70 per cent of North America's waterfowl begin life. "If we are to ensure a future for this continent's wild ducks and geese, everyone who enjoys this valuable natural resource should join in DU's crucial race to conserve these birds," Eberhardt concluded.

Honors List

Officials from Martin **Community College (MCC)** announced this week that two students from Edenton were among the 77 students named to the institution's various honors lists for the spring quarter.

Willie L. Jenkins and Stanley D. Holden were among the 33 students named to the Dean's List. Jenkins is enrolled in the

automotive mechanics program and Holden in the welding program.

Elected To Board

From the Mountains to the Sea, North Carolina has something to offer everyone - especially fishermen.

While the surf fishing at Hatteras and big - game fishing offshore is known nationwide, good fishing also exists close to home. In fact, Tar Heels throughout the State can find excellent

Vacation Travel

With the end of another school year and the approach of the summer season, the State Highway Patrol today offered suggestions for vacation travelers.

According to the Patrol's Traffic Safety Information office, vacationers should plan ahead for their trip. Advanced reservations should be made for popular in - season vacation spots and a travel route planned with sufficient time for interesting stops and side trips

A patrol spokesman said additional travel time will enable motorists to stay within the posted speed limit, and at the same time permit frequent stops to relieve travel boredom.

Before beginning the trip, the Patrol suggests the vehicle be checked by a qualified mechanic. Although all fluid levels, belts, hoses, lights, etc., should be checked, special attention should be given to tire - tread depth. "Slick tires are not only illegal, but extremely dangerous on wet pavement," the spokesman said.

The patrol also suggests motorists take along a road map a tool kit, including a jack, tire - changing tools and several wrenches, a first aid kit, spare fuses, highway flares, and that motorists with small

children consider pillows and blankets for anpping. According to Highway Patrol Commander, Col. John T. Jenkins, the driver

and all passingers should be properly secured in the vehicle safety restraint system. Children under 30 pounds (less than two years of age) should be in an approved child safety seat, he noted.

Jenkins encouraged motorists to practice all the rules of safe driving. "Drivers should obey the posted speed limit, maintain angling almost in their tobe caught easily - using a backyards.

"One of the best places to fish is local farm ponds," said Fred Harris, assistant chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "There are literally thousands of these ponds scattered throughout the State. Most of the time, all you need to do to fish these waters is ask the

landowner -- they will almost always say yes." Two speces predominate in farm ponds - largemouth bass and bream. Both can

ovariety of lures or old standbys like crickets and worms. And both have two outstanding attributes -they not only put up a lively tussle on the end of a line, but are excellent in the frying pan.

'Suprisingly, farm ponds produce many of the State's biggest bass," said Harris. 'So anglers not only stand an excellent chance of catching supper, but will often tie into a really big fish. For those who savor a

touch of wilderness, North

Carolina also offers ex- used to protect wild trout cellent trout fishing. Some populations in certain of these streams are remote and may only be reached on foot. Their waters abound with native brook trout called "speckles" and rainbow and brown trout. These fish may be caught using artificial flies, lures or baites. The N.C. Wildlife conducts an extensive helps maintain much of the 2,000 miles of public trout streams in western North

waters. The large mountain lakes also offer fine trout fishing for big rainbows and steelheads, which are sea run rainbows that originally came from the Pacific Northwest.

The big reservoirs that dot the Piedmont offer good Resources Commission lake fishing for several species including stocking program which largemouth bass, striped bass and crappie. Having a boat is a "must" for these species, and serious anglers Carolina. Also, special fish downed vegetation "trophy" regulations are along the shore and probe

submerged "structure" that lies scattered throughout the lakes. While crappie and largemouth bass reproduce naturally in these waters, striped bass are raised and stocked by the N.C. Wildlife **Resources** Commission.

Those who crave a lazy afternoon should consider float fishing on any of the streams found in the **Piedmont or Coastal Plains.** These black - water rivers offer excellent fishing for bass, pickeral and bream. Artificial lures or natural baits work fine. Anglers are required to

have a fishing license to fish in North Carolina waters, except if they are fishing with natural bait in their home counties. Also, trout fishermen are required to have a trout stamp and game - lands use permit if they fish on game lands, which include all national forests. Complete information on fishing licenses can be obtained from license agents throughout the State or by writing the N.C. Wildlife **Resources Commission**, 512 N. Salisbury Street, N.C. 27611.



John C. Blanton, director of Roanoke - Chowan and drive defensively," he Hospital in Ahoskie, was said. elected to the N.C. Hospital Association Board of Trustees June 15, during the association's 1982 annual meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

N.C. Hospital The Association is the trade and service organization which represents the 154 member hospitals providing health care services to the citizens of the state.

"If motorists will follow these suggestions and always expect the unex-

pected while driving, they should have a safe and Jenkins concluded.



