

Hunting Regulations Adopted; Rabbit Season Is Shortened

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has approved the 1970-71 hunting and trapping regulations.

The statewide rabbit season was shortened by two weeks as a result of widespread suggestions at the public hearings held in May. At the hearings, many hunters requested that the rabbit season be cut short because pregnant rabbits were occasionally being taken late in the season.

The new season for rabbits will be November 14 to February 13. "This is a good example of how hunters can help the Wildlife Commission and also get regulations passed that they feel are warranted," said Frank Barick, Chief of the Division of Game. "The widespread reports from the hunters that rabbits with young were occasionally being killed aids our biologists in recommending season dates. As a result of the hunters' concern, we have changed the season dates."

Comments from hunters at the public hearings favoring a shorter rabbit season ran roughly 7-1 in support of a shorter season.

Regulations concerning bear also generated much heat at the public hearings, with hunters expressing both opinions for longer and shorter seasons.

The bear is in danger in much of the state, and the Commission voted for the split shorter seasons of October 12 to November 21 and December 25 to January 2 with some counties being closed entirely. In the east, Dare County was added to six other counties closed to bear hunting because of reduced populations. They are Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell.

In other action, the Commission approved the proposal to allow hunting when snow covers the ground for all species except the wild turkey. The program for spring gobbler hunts - in effect for the second year - was also upheld, and even expanded slightly as three counties, Vance, Franklin and Warren, were deleted from the winter season in the Piedmont counties (December 19 to February 13) and added to the spring season (April 12 to May 1) in the eastern counties. There is no wild turkey season in the west.

The Commission declined a proposal to shorten the quail season by a week in order to have several small game seasons opening on the same Saturday before Thanksgiving. Therefore, the quail season will be from November 14 to February 27.

Likewise, the squirrel season will remain the same as last season, opening October 12 and closing January 2, with local exceptions.

The raccoon and grouse seasons will open October 12 and last until February 27 with local exceptions.

The delayed starting time (noon) on the first two days of the either sex deer seasons was dropped because the regulations entrapped hunters who did not intend to violate.

"Basically, the delayed starting time was designed to prevent killing too many does, and also to promote safety," said Barick, "but it was unpopular, so we dropped it."

On game lands and management areas, the proposals to drop irritating or ineffective regulations were upheld, except that the regulations regarding the handling and discharge of firearms were retained because hunters at the public hearings asked that these restrictions remain in effect.

The new regulations will be published in detail in the familiar booklet form on July 15th, and these regulations will be available where you buy your license.

In related action, the Commission voted to let the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that it would like an increase this season in the limit on geese from one to two per day.

Also, Turner Battle, Executive Director of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, appeared before the Commission and told of the spread of Eurasian water milfoil from Currituck Sound into Albemarle Sound, East Lake, and the Alligator River.

The Commission will hear a report on milfoil from the Division of Inland Fisheries at the next monthly meeting. Harry Cornell, Chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries, indicated that treatment to rid the area of milfoil was difficult, very expensive, and also ineffective for more than two to three years.

Commissioner Orville Woodhouse questioned the wisdom of even attempting to fight milfoil, particularly in Currituck Sound. "We've had more ducks and better fishing since the weed took over," said Woodhouse.



Let's Go Fishin'
BY BOB BREWSTER
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THINK BIG
Why not start the new fishing season by deciding that this is the year to catch a fish big enough to make the record books?

Almost all state conservation departments record large fish taken from a state's waters. Eligible species include almost every fish in the United States, and how you catch the fish isn't important as long as it was by a legal sport fishing method.

How do you go about finding and catching a trophy fish? Well, the angling authorities at Mercury outdoors suggest that there are proven techniques for locating big fish, methods followed by expert anglers.

An important first step is to decide which record you want to break. Study information about your state's present record catches, and decide which fish you intend to pursue. Then concentrate all your efforts toward catching that kind of fish. Read all available material about your quarry. Visit state fishery biologists and learn what they know about your fish, and where the best angling might be found.

Next, narrow the number of places you intend to fish to several promising bodies of water. Limit all fishing to those places which are the most likely spots for big fish. Study each lake or stream keeping in mind the things you've learned from prior reading and discussion.

As for fishing methods, try everything! Record-breaking fish from one mid-west state last year were taken by a number of techniques including lures, live bait, fly rods and bait casting equipment.

Of course, be familiar with your state's requirements for having a fish checked for possible entry in the record book. One precaution from the boys at Mercury: don't clean the fish until its weight has been verified.

The rewards for catching a record-size fish aren't much beyond personal satisfaction, admiration from other anglers, and expertise gained as a result of your effort. The big reward is the fun you had going fishing.

PESTICIDES & FOOD
Agriculture Committee chairman W. R. Poage, (D-Tex) has sponsored a bill to ban the importation of foods treated with pesticides restricted in the United States. It would protect consumers from possible health dangers and eliminate unfair competition from abroad.

MAN-DAYS LOST
The Labor Department has reported that strikes in the first four months of this year have cost the nation nearly 12 million man-days of lost production time. There were 1,700 strikes which involved 962,000 workers.

SENATOR

SAM ERVIN

*** SAYS ***

WASHINGTON - The several crime control measures being considered by the Congress and the current controversy over preventive detention provisions contained therein recently caused me to introduce a bill to attack the problems caused by delayed criminal trials by requiring that persons charged with offenses against the United States shall have a speedy trial as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment.

In introducing the "Speedy Trial Act of 1970," I recognize that preventive detention, which I abhor, is a reaction to the steadily worsening ability of our criminal justice system to cope with the demands placed upon it in the modern era. Greater numbers of defendants, greater rates of crime, longer delays in trial and appeal, assemblyline justice, inadequate staffing of courts and supporting personnel, and a tragic and disgraceful corrections systems - these are among the serious difficulties which beset our criminal justice system.

In my judgment, however, preventive detention will not cure the ills besetting our judicial system. What it will do is paper over the decay of the courts, and hide ills which must be remedied. It will enable us to operate much as we have in the past, because the fruits of this crisis will be hidden from our eyes. Defendants will languish unseen in jails awaiting trials that will be ever longer in coming if we continue our failure to face the true problems and to propose serious means to solve them. If we adopt preventive detention as the panacea, I fear we will have yet another excuse to ignore the hard work that must be done to reform our courts. All the manifestations of our failures - delayed trials, the pretrial crime those delays foster, injustice to citizens, and a disrespect of the law - will be hidden from view.

What we must face is the fact that our criminal justice system is breaking down. In my judgment, this breakdown will get worse if we institute new repressive devices which do violence to constitutional principles and which will eventually burden the system even more. Instead, we should do what is constitutionally required. We must implement the Sixth Amendment right to a speedy trial - a right thus far denied to society and the defendant - and make that Amendment's guarantee a reality after all these years.

My bill would require each Federal district court to set trials within 60 days of the date of an indictment or information. Delays in trial would be permitted only when required by other proceedings involving the defendant or those absolutely necessary for the holding of a fair trial. It would bar delays caused by inadequate judicial resources, and it would strongly discourage procrastination by counsel.

My bill also requires each district court to establish plans for the implementation of the speedy trial requirements of the legislation and the Sixth Amendment, and to report to Congress concerning the funds and personnel needed to implement the speedy trial requirements.

Thus, if my bill is adopted, it will require for the first time that the executive and judicial branches make a comprehensive assessment of their resources and their requirements for an efficiently functioning criminal justice system. Congress can then determine the resources necessary to achieve a well-run, modern judicial system - one which can effectively perform its function of punishing and rehabilitating law breakers and deterring crime.

PLANES FOR ISRAEL
Seventy-three U.S. senators have asked that the Nixon administration sell 125 warplanes to Israel to neutralize the effect of Soviet involvement in the Mideast power struggle. They said it was the surest means of heading off all-out war in that area.

DETOUR
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I have urged the Justice Department and witnesses testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, which is conducting hearings on preventive detention, to study my reform measure in the hope that it will lead to acceptable solutions for the immense problems which face us in the administration of criminal justice.

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New Careers Funded \$139,710 For Next Nine Months

The New Careers Program sponsored by the Economic Improvement Council has been funded for the period beginning March 1, 1970 and extending through November 30, 1970 with forty-five (45) Trainees in job training positions. These Trainees are in positions with User Agencies as follows: Dental Service, Nursing, Libraries, Patrol, Recreation, School Media, Day Care, Municipalities, Accounting, Sanitation, and the Agriculture Extension Service.

There are forty-five (45) people now in work training positions and signed commitments by agencies for fifty-five (55) positions, some to be placed in positions as soon as the two year trainees complete their work training program.

The New Careers Program was first funded for \$183,000 and started its operation phase in August, 1968. An extension was then approved and funded in the amount of \$146,000 for the period of May 19, 1968 through February 28, 1970. The signed contracts for the present nine (9) months is in the amount of \$139,710.

Since the beginning of the work training program, several of the trainees have been employed full-time by their agencies.

Recently, Mrs. Meretta Jackson, who served as a New Careers Home Economics Extension Aide in Washington County was employed full-time as a Nutrition Aide in Washington County. Wayland Spivey, who served as an Agricultural Extension Aide in Chowan County was employed on February 2, 1970 as an Agricultural Extension Assistant Agent in Chowan County. Mr. Spivey did an outstanding job as 4-H Club Assistant while in the New Careers Program. The training program has been directed by Beaufort Technical Institute, College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University and the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service. This training has been, in corporation with the on-the-job

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training program done by the various agencies. In connection with the training program, evaluations have been conducted by the New Careers Staff and efforts have been made to strengthen the program.

The New Careers Trainees are given the opportunity to share in special core sessions where they discuss their problems and seek means to solve them. They also prepare with the assistance of the staff, the NEW CAREERS INFORMER which is a publication giving information regarding the total New Careers Program including individual articles by the trainees. The New Careers Program has received excellent support by the Economic Improvement Council which is the sponsor, the Governing Board, County Officials and Agencies in most instances.

The present New Careers Staff is made up of a Director - H. L. Mitchell, three (3) Counselors - Mrs. Naomi C. Hester, In Charge of Training - William Madrey, Jr., T. M. Walker and a Secretary-Bookkeeper - Mrs. Betty H. Dail.



NEW HEART - A week after receiving the heart of a 45-year-old man, Mrs. Elverna Fuller, 37, Union Grove, Wis., sits up in her hospital bed at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. It was the second heart transplant performed in Wisconsin by a surgical team headed by Dr. W. Dudley Johnson.

ANTICRIME BILL
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