

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017-2018, CHANGES IN LAW

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The information contained in this brochure is provided as summary information. The specific laws governing fish and wildlife may be found in Title 50 SC Code of Laws.

See <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/title50.php>

For individual bill searches see

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What's New—Hunting

S.443

Night Hunting for Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Armadillos

Sponsor: Sen. Campsen
Act 88
Effective 5/19/17

This law changes the night hunting provisions related to hunting feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos, and allows the use of any firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow to hunt feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos at night so long as the property is registered annually with SCDNR. It is now unlawful to hunt feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos at night on properties that are not registered, except with a valid SCDNR depredation permit. This law also prohibits hunting feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos at night with a firearm within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the occupant. The yardage restriction does not apply to the landowner hunting on their own land, or pursuant to a valid SCDNR depredation permit.

H. 3601

Bear Hunting Game Zones 2, 3, & 4

Sponsor: Rep. Clemmons
Act 71
Effective 05/19/17

This law removes the requirement for SCDNR to conduct a lottery draw to select hunters who will receive bear tags for Game Zones 2, 3, & 4. Bear tags may now be purchased by anyone to hunt bear in these Game Zones. The Department will establish a bear season, and a quota of bears that may be taken. When the quota of bears is taken for that season, the season will be closed once the department gives 24 hours' public notice. These changes do not effect bear hunting in Game Zone 1.

What's New - Saltwater Fishing

H. 3665

Flounder Size and Catch Limits

Sponsor: Hixon
Act 72
Effective 05/19/17

This law changes existing flounder size and creel limits. It makes it unlawful for a person to take a flounder less than 15" total length; and changes the creel limit for flounder taken by means of gig, spear, hook and line, or similar device in any one day to not more than 10 per person, not to exceed 20 per boat.



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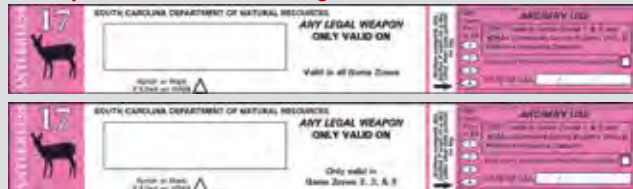


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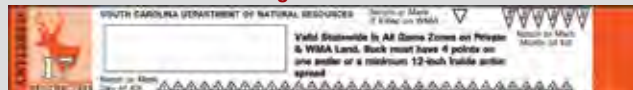
NEW DEER TAGS

Effective deer season 2017, all harvested deer in South Carolina are required to be tagged at the point of kill. See new deer tag information on page 57 or visit www.dnr.sc.gov/deertags/.

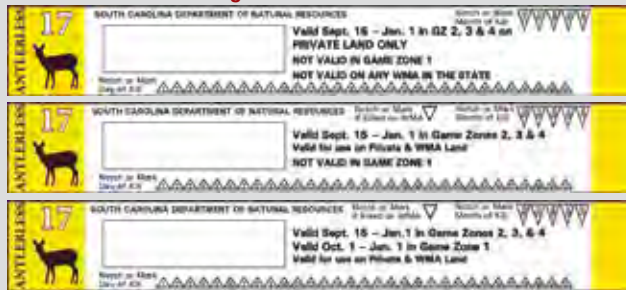
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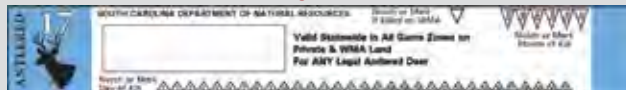
Restricted Antlered Buck Tags



Individual Antlerless Tags



Unrestricted Antlered Buck Tags



SCDNR Diversity Outreach Program

Our work involves educational initiatives that will enable all of South Carolina's residents and visitors to fully enjoy and appreciate the outdoors in a safe and responsible way.

The SCDNR Diversity Outreach Program seeks to increase outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone in South Carolina through programs geared toward the Hispanic and African American communities across the state. Contact us to learn more about the programs of SCDNR and the natural resources of the state.

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