



Establish Equality for Nonresident Hunting License Fees with Neighboring States Pursuant to Statutory Authority


Whereas, nonresident hunting license fees in neighboring states, as presented at the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) meeting of June 6, 2024 in Exhibit C, are no longer comparable to fees in North Carolina; and

Whereas, G.S. 113-275(a1) gives NCWRC the authority to equalize nonresident fees under these circumstances; and


Whereas, NCWRC staff shall analyze nonresident hunting license fees of neighboring states annually and recommend amendments for Commission consideration;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, in official session on June 6, 2024, that North Carolina nonresident annual hunting and annual big game license fees along with the nonresident 10-day hunting and 10-day big game license fees for residents of the states of Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia shall be set to those fees presented in the table below. These fees are effective July 1, 2024, and remain in effect until amended as prescribed above. This Resolution supersedes the previous resolution adopted by the Commission regarding North Carolina nonresident hunting license fees for neighboring states.

License Type	GA	SC	TN	VA
Annual Hunt	\$100	\$125	\$110	\$110
Annual Big Game	\$225	\$310	\$195	\$85
10-Day Hunt	\$74	\$75	\$88	\$110
10-Day Big Game	\$202	\$310	\$195	\$85



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**Summary of nonresident hunting licenses sold
for the period July 1, 2023 – May 28, 2024**

State	Annual Nonresident Hunt Sold	Annual Nonresident Big Game Sold	10-Day Nonresident Hunt Sold	10-Day Nonresident Big Game Sold	Total
GA	446	273	402	122	1,243
SC	2,010	1,202	1,254	202	4,668
TN	479	305	225	159	1,168
VA	3,289	1,701	272	63	5,325
Other	3,929	2,644	5,298	4,132	16,003
Total	10,153	6,125	7,451	4,678	28,407

**Proposed reciprocal nonresident hunting license fees
based upon April 2024 fee analysis**

The tables below represent the fees North Carolina residents would pay to hunt in each state and the proposed fees each state’s resident would pay to hunt in North Carolina effective July 1, 2024. To create an equitable proposed fee for states without equal short-term basic hunting licenses, fees were calculated by formulating a compromise of what it would cost to hunt each day in the neighboring states. If the short-term license cost exceeded the annual license cost, the fee proposed is equal to the annual fee. Only those proposed fees in “red” are being modified.

Georgia				
License Types	NC’s Fees for All Other Nonresidents	NC’s Current Fees for GA Residents	GA’s Current Fees for NC Residents	NC’s Proposed Fees for GA Residents
Annual Hunt	\$119	\$100	\$100	\$100
Annual Big Game	\$119	\$195	\$225	\$225
10-Day Hunt	\$95	\$60	\$20 (1-day, \$6 each additional day=\$74)	\$74
10-Day Big Game	\$95	\$195	\$130 (1-day, \$8 each additional day=\$202)	\$202

South Carolina				
License Types	NC's Fees for All Other Nonresidents	NC's Current Fees for SC Residents	SC's Current Fees for NC Residents	NC's Proposed Fees for SC Residents
Annual Hunt	\$119	\$125	\$125	\$125
Annual Big Game	\$119	\$100	\$100; plus 2 bucks @ \$70 & 4 does @ \$40=\$110 & \$100 for 2 turkey tags	\$310
10-Day Hunt	\$95	\$75	\$75 10-day	\$75
10-Day Big Game	\$95	\$100	N/A*	\$310

*SC does not offer a short-term big game privilege license. To hunt big game short-term in SC, nonresident hunters must purchase an annual big game license.

Tennessee				
License Types	NC's Fees for All Other Nonresidents	NC's Current Fees for TN Residents	TN's Current Fees for NC Residents	NC's Proposed Fees for TN Residents
Annual Hunt	\$119	\$90	\$111	\$111
Annual Big Game	\$119	\$160	\$194	\$194
10-Day Hunt	\$95	\$70	\$61.50 7-day (\$8.79/day x 10=\$87.90)	\$88
10-Day Big Game	\$95	\$105	N/A*	\$194

*TN does not offer a stand-alone big game license. To hunt big game in TN, nonresident hunters must purchase either a \$305 annual or \$214.50 7-day "all game" license.

Virginia				
License Types	NC's Fees for All Other Nonresidents	NC's Current Fees for VA Residents	VA's Current Fees for NC Residents	NC's Proposed Fees for VA Residents
Annual Hunt	\$119	\$110	\$111	\$110
Annual Big Game	\$119	\$85	\$86	\$85
10-Day Hunt	\$95	\$110	\$60 3-day (\$20/day x 10=\$200)	\$110
10-Day Big Game	\$95	\$85	N/A*	\$85

*VA does not offer a short-term big game license. To hunt big game short-term in VA, nonresident hunters must purchase an annual big game license. VA prices include a \$1 issuance fee which is not included in the base price of the license.