

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

**SESSION LAW 2011-152
HOUSE BILL 362**

AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING WITH CENTERFIRE RIFLES IN PASQUOTANK COUNTY AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING FROM VESSELS ON PORTIONS OF THE TAR RIVER IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful to hunt with a centerfire rifle except from a platform which raises the lower level of the barrel to a minimum of eight feet above ground level. For purposes of this act, the term "hunt" is defined as provided in G.S. 113-130.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act does not apply to a landowner or lessee of property using a centerfire rifle for self-protection or to prevent crop depredation.

SECTION 3. A person who violates Section 1 of this act is responsible for an infraction and shall pay a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus court costs.

SECTION 4.(a) It is unlawful to hunt from any vessel in the Tar River from Springfield Road to the Dunbar Bridge, whether the vessel is under power or not, except that a vessel may be used for transportation to and from otherwise lawful hunting stands upon land owned or leased by a person or upon which a person has written permission to hunt.

SECTION 4.(b) Violation of Section 4(a) of this act shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. Sections 1 through 3 of this act apply only to Pasquotank County. Section 4 of this act applies only to Edgecombe County. Section 5 of this act applies to Pasquotank and Edgecombe Counties.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

