

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 33  
SENATE BILL 457

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE SEASONS FOR TAKING BEAVER AND  
TO ALLOW THE TAKING OF DEPREDATING BEAVER WITHOUT  
OBTAINING A PERMIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-291.9, enacted by Section 3 of Chapter 483 of the 1991 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

**"§ 113-291.9. Taking of beaver-~~beaver~~. in certain counties.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, there is an open season for taking beaver with firearms during any open season for the taking of wild animals, provided that permission has been obtained from the owner or lessee of the land on which the beaver is being taken.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, it is lawful to use or sell beaver parts taken under a depredation permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 113-291.6(d) or any other law, it is lawful to set traps number 330 of the conibear type or size, if at least one-half of the trap is covered by water, when trapping beaver during the season for trapping beaver as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 113-291.1(b)(2) or any other law, it is lawful to use snares when trapping beaver during the season for trapping beaver as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, landowners whose property is or has been damaged or destroyed by beaver may take beaver on their property by any lawful method without obtaining a depredation permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission, and may obtain assistance from other persons in taking the depredating beaver by giving those persons permission to take beaver on the landowner's property.

(f) This section shall not apply to Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, or Yancey Counties.

~~(e) This section applies only to Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Randolph, Sampson, and Wayne Counties."~~

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of April, 1993.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives