

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 635  
HOUSE BILL 2006

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TRAPPING AND KILLING OF RED WOLVES BY  
OWNERS OF PRIVATE LAND.

Whereas, red wolves have been introduced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on federal property in Dare County; and

Whereas, red wolves have spread from Dare County to Hyde County, where they pose a danger to livestock, wildlife, and residents who have not given permission for a wolf population to be established on their property; and

Whereas, efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to trap and remove wolves have not been successful in removing wolves for a significant period of time; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is lawful for a private landowner or the landowner's agent at any time to trap and kill red wolves that are on the landowner's property, and that the property owner reasonably believes may be a threat to the person's own life or the lives of others, or to the life of livestock on the property provided that the landowner has previously requested the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the red wolves from the landowner's property and that the landowner shall report the killing of a wolf to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within 48 hours.

Sec. 2. This act applies only to Hyde and Washington Counties.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 1995.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 1994.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives