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SENATE BILL 457

Short Title: Statewide Beaver Seasons.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed; Albertson, Parnell, Marshall, Kerr, Carpenter, Simpson, and Warren.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife.

March 3, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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, a landowner whose property is or has been damaged or destroyed by beaver may take beaver on his property by any

1 lawful method without obtaining a depredation permit from the Wildlife Resources
2 Commission, and may obtain assistance from other persons in taking the depredating
3 beaver by giving those persons permission to take beaver on the landowner's property.

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

6 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.