

1 **Explanation For Proposed Rule(s):** The General Assembly by way of Session Law 2015-263 moved regulatory
2 and rulemaking authority over farmed cervids from the Wildlife Resources Commission to the Department of
3 Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department, under G.S. 106-549.97, has the duty to regulate the
4 production, sale, possession, and transportation, including importation and exportation, of farmed cervids. One key
5 goal is to limit the possibility of the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease to North Carolina's farmed cervid industry.
6 02 NCAC 52L .0101-.0402 creates the necessary framework and enforcement mechanism for the Department to be
7 able to carry out this mission. These rules also follow the USDA Standards and 9 C.F.R. Part 55 and 9 C.F.R. Part
8 81. Amendments to 02 NCAC 52B .0213 are also necessary for implementing an effective farmed cervid regulatory
9 program. The Department is recommending the repeal of 02 NCAC 52C .0701 because the tuberculosis provisions
10 are no longer necessary as North Carolina is currently a tuberculosis free state. Moreover, provisions governing
11 testing and record requirements are covered under proposed rules 02 NCAC 52L .0101-.0402.
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16 02 NCAC 52C .0701 is proposed for repeal as follows:
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18 **02 NCAC 52C .0701 INTRASTATE REQUIREMENTS: CERVIDAE**
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20 *Authority G.S. 106-549.97(a2).*