

FOX TRAPPING 2018



A Presentation to the Wake County
Commissioners

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Why Pass County Fox Laws?

- ▣ Unlike other wildlife, the NCWRC has no authority to allow foxes to be taken during the regulated trapping season
- ▣ Only the NC General Assembly has the authority to allow fox trapping in a county through passage of a local law
- ▣ County support helps to get a local law introduced

Benefits of Regulated Trapping

- ▣ Property protection
- ▣ Disease control
- ▣ Habitat protection
- ▣ Wildlife research
- ▣ Removes surplus to maintain a balanced, healthy ecosystem
- ▣ Trapping is safe and a critical component in managing wildlife populations

Considerations

- ▣ Landowner Rights – Landowners should be able to manage fox conflicts on their land
- ▣ Harvest data shows counties with local fox laws have increased harvest of coyotes; 61% higher than in counties with no fox trapping seasons
- ▣ In 2012 the Fox and Coyote Populations Study Report to the NC General Assembly by the NCWRC recommended that state law be changed to allow foxes to be taken during the regulated trapping season.

Additional Information

Provided

- ▣ Fox/Coyote Populations Report 2012
- ▣ County Fox Seasons legislated by the General Assembly 2017
- ▣ Coyote Management Plan 2018
- ▣ Tri fold Information brochure
- ▣ Wake County Wildlife Club support letter

Support the Concept

- ▣ Forsyth
- ▣ Gaston
- ▣ Rowan
- ▣ Mitchell
- ▣ Jones
- ▣ Greene
- ▣ Cabarrus
- ▣ Stokes
- ▣ Montgomery
- ▣ Rutherford
- ▣ Guilford

Questions