

## REGULATION OF FERAL HOGS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



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## HUNTING

- ⦿ No closed season except on WMA lands
- ⦿ No restrictions on private lands during the day
- ⦿ Night Hunting is now allowed on private lands
  - With artificial light carried by hunter, attached to helmet or hat, or part of belt system
  - Sidearm of any caliber with iron sights and barrel not exceeding 9 inches
  - No butt-stock, scope, laser sight, light emitting or light enhancing device
  - Dogs are allowed, day and night, but hunter must conform to lighting and firearms restrictions at night

## ACT 13—2005 50-16-25 SC Code of Laws

- ⦿ Unlawful to release or transport hogs for the purpose of release
  - for hunting purposes
  - to supplement or establish a free-roaming population
  - Exceptions: pursuant to a permit issued by SCDNR and the pig is released on the same tract of land (no permits issued under this Section)

## ACT 211—2010 50-16-25 SC Code of Laws

- ⦿ It is unlawful to possess, buy, sell, offer for sale, transfer, release or transport for the purpose of release a hog into the wild.

## 50-16-25 SC Code of Laws (cont'd)

- ⦿ Hogs cannot be removed from the wild alive except:
  - pursuant to a \$50 permit issued by SCDNR
  - all hogs must be tagged through the rear of each ear with tags and pliers issued by SCDNR
  - tags must remain affixed to the hog until processed
  - live hogs can only be transported to a permitted hog hunting enclosure
  - live hogs taken from the wild cannot be transported through or into another county

## HOG HUNTING ENCLOSURES

- ⦿ Hogs taken from the wild may only be released into permitted hog hunting enclosures (\$50 enclosure permit)
- ⦿ Permitted enclosures must be constructed and maintained to prevent escapes
- ⦿ Evidence of hogs (pigs) escaping an enclosure will result in denial of a permit or revocation of an existing permit
- ⦿ Permittee shall keep and retain complete records on forms provided by SCDNR

## ENCLOSURE FENCING REQUIREMENTS

- Fencing must completely surround the enclosure
- Must consist of wire or more substantial material
- Must rise at least 5 feet above ground with at least 40 inches of woven wire or more substantial material
- Fencing must be buried at least one foot, have a two foot horizontal apron on the inside or have contact with the ground and have an electrified wire no more than 6 inches above ground around the entire inside perimeter

## ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

- Post may be wood or metal but must be substantial
- Wooden line posts can be no more than 20 feet apart and metal posts can be no more than 15 feet apart
- Corners must have 3-5 post corner assemblies
- Line fencing must have brace line post assemblies of at least 3 posts for every 330 linear feet of fencing

- A violation of a provisions of the chapter or any condition of a permit issued pursuant is a misdemeanor.
- Penalty--Not more than 1 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.

