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HOUSE BILL 272: Fox and Coyote Trapping/Yadkin County.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee: House Wildlife Resources	Date: April 11, 2017
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 272 would permit fox and coyote trapping in Yadkin County from October 1 through March 31 and allow for the sale of foxes and coyotes legally taken by trapping.

CURRENT LAW: Fox trapping currently is not permitted in Yadkin County, but year-round fox hunting with weapons is permitted. Fox trapping is allowed in 41 counties. In some counties, trappers are exempt from tagging requirements, and in some counties, the sale of foxes is prohibited.

It is legal to trap coyotes during the regulated trapping seasons established by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). It is also legal to trap coyotes during any fox-trapping season established by statute or by local law, using methods described in statute.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 272 would allow fox and coyote trapping in Yadkin County from October 1 to March 31. There would be no bag limit for foxes or coyotes taken by trapping. The bill would also direct the WRC to provide for the sale of foxes and coyotes taken legally pursuant to this act. The bill would impose no tagging requirements before or after sale. This bill would apply only to Yadkin County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND:

More information on fox trapping seasons for different counties can be found at:

http://www.ncwildlife.org/Regs/documents/fox_seasons_dates.pdf

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