WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016-2017, CHANGES IN LAW

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The information contained in this brochure is provided as summary information. The specific laws governing fish and wildlife may be found in Title 50 SC Code of Laws.

See http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/title50.php

For individual bill searches see

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php

What's New—Hunting

The daily bag limit for mourning doves has changed to 12 birds per day per hunter.

H. 4743

Lake Conastee Wildlife Refuge, Greenville County Sponsor: Rep. Bedingfield Act 177 Effective 05/23/16

The new law makes it unlawful to hunt, trap, take, gather, harvest, or molest any plants, animals, or artifacts on the lands of Lake Conestee Nature Park, except for purposes of habitat management or research. All hunting, trapping, taking and collection of plants, animals, and artifacts is unlawful except as permitted by the Foundation.

What's New - Fishing

H. 4709

Cobia Limits

Sponsor: Rep. Hixon Act 166 Effective 04/29/16

The new law changes the limits for cobia in the Southern Cobia Management Zone. Subject to the size limit established by federal regulation, possession of cobia caught in the Southern Cobia Management Zone is limited to one per person per day, and no more than three per boat per day, from June 1 to April 30.

It is unlawful to take and possess cobia in the Southern Cobia Management Zone from May 1 to May 31, and at any time federal regulations provide for the closure of the recreational cobia season in the waters of the South Atlantic Ocean."

S. 1030

American Eel Catch and Size Limits

Sponsor: Sen. Cromer Act 209 Effective 06/03/16

The new law makes it unlawful for a recreational fisherman to take more than twentyfive American eel (Anguilla rostrata) a day, and each American eel must be at least nine inches long.

