

N.C.P.I.—Crim. 235.49  
USING AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM TO [FISH] [HUNT].  
MISDEMEANOR.  
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME  
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-401.24(b).  
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The defendant has been charged with using an unmanned aircraft system to [fish] [hunt].

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove two things beyond a reasonable doubt.

First, that the defendant used an unmanned aircraft system;<sup>1</sup>

And Second, that the defendant did so to [fish]<sup>2</sup> [hunt].<sup>3</sup>

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant used an unmanned aircraft system to [fish] [hunt], it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or both of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

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1. An unmanned aircraft system is defined as “an unmanned aircraft and associated elements, including communication links and components that control the unmanned aircraft that are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-300.1.

2. “To fish” as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-130 is “to take fish,” “except when an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system is used during, immediately preparatory to, or immediately subsequent to the taking of fish or (i) spotting; locating; recording, broadcasting, or streaming video of fish; or (ii) deploying bait.” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-401.24(c).

3. “To hunt” is defined as “[t]o take wild animals or wild birds.” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-130.