

## ACTIONS N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 18, 2024 9:00 a.m. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

**Approval of December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – With an approved amendment to attendance, the Commission approved the December 19, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)** 

**Approval of February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – The Commission approved the February 22, 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)** 

**Endowment Fund Expendable Income Allocation** – The Commission approved Calendar Year 2023 Investment Income Allocation. **(EXHIBIT D)** 

**Phase II Land Acquisition** – The Commission approved the acquisition of Hancock Tract – Halifax County (**EXHIBIT E-1**), Klatt Wetland Tract – Macon County (**EXHIBIT E-2**), Huckleberry Hill – Surry County (**EXHIBIT E-3**), Mayo Tract – Beaufort County (**EXHIBIT E-4**), Southport White Springs Tract – Brunswick County (**EXHIBIT E-5**), Taylor Swamp Tract – Hertford County (**EXHIBIT E-6**).

2024-2025 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons—The Commission reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird season frameworks (EXHIBIT F-1) and the public comments received on season options (EXHIBIT F-2) and approved staff recommendations for the 2024-2025 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons. (EXHIBITS F-3, F-4)

**2024 Migrant Peregrine Falconry** – The Commission approved establishing a season for taking up to five migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2024. **(EXHIBIT G)** 

**Species Conservation Plan** – The Commission approved final adoption of the Virginia Big-eared Bat Conservation Plan. **(EXHIBIT H)** 

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County – The Commission reviewed public comments presented in (EXHIBIT I-1) and adopted proposed changes to create a no-wake zone at the Elwell Ferry adjacent to the Elwell's Ferry Boating Access Area (BAA) on the Cape Fear River, clarify the description and regulated activities in the Restricted Area at White Lake, and incorporate into the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) BAA's on the Cape Fear River and one BAA on the Black River. (EXHIBIT I-2)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County –The Commission reviewed public comments presented in (EXHIBIT J-1) and adopted an amendment to correct a coordinate at a point near the mouth of Motts Creek at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. (EXHIBIT J-2)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 New Hanover County – The Commission reviewed public comments presented in (EXHIBIT K-1) and approved the rulemaking petition to extend the nowake zone in Bradley Creek shore to shore to a point closer to the mouth of the creek. (EXHIBIT K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Application and Fiscal Note – 15A NCAC 10F .0321 Pender County – The Commission approved to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing, to create two no-wake zones in parts of Topsail Sound and Topsail Creek, north and south of the Intracoastal Waterway from east of the N.C. Highway 210 Surf City Bridge to points approximately 500 yards eastward; and to incorporate into the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) four BAA's in Pender County (EXHIBIT L-1) and approved fiscal notes for proposed rules (EXHIBIT L-2)

Adoption – 10A .1601 License Fees Rule – The Commission reviewed public comments presented in (EXHIBIT M-1) and adopted 10A .1601 License Fees rule. (EXHIBIT M-2)

Notice of Text – 10H .1800 Commercial Use Permitting Rules – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the proposed rule 10H .1801 through .1803 Commercial Permitting rules (EXHIBIT N-1) and approved fiscal notes for proposed rules (EXHIBIT N-2)

Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Land and Water Access Rules – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the 2024-2025 Annual Cycle deer season companion rules (EXHIBIT O-1) and approved fiscal notes for proposed temporary and permanent rules (EXHIBIT O-2)

Notice of Text – 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet Rule – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet temporary rule. (EXHIBIT P)

Notice of Text – 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements Rule – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements temporary rule. (EXHIBIT Q)

Adjournment - Chairman Monty Crump adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.