

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Membership

Shannon Deaton presented an update on membership of the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC), reminding the HNGES Committee that the Commission approved a resolution for the NWAC last October. The HNGES Committee approved staff's recommendation to add three years to the terms of current NWAC members.

Final Report on Alligator Project

Chris Moorman, PhD – *N.C. State University*, presented a report on a recent alligator project conducted by N.C. State University. Dr. Moorman reported that the alligator was listed in 1967 as federally endangered due to habitat loss and hunting. The alligator was delisted in 1987; however, it still is threatened. Moorman reported that North Carolina is at the northernmost limit of the alligator's range with cooler temperatures and slower growth rates. The last survey was conducted thirty years ago by the WRC and NCSU. The recent survey revealed that while alligators are plentiful in the southeastern part of the state, any harvest of adult alligators is not sustainable. Long-term monitoring will be conducted to determine information about N.C. alligator growth rates, hatchling success and sex ratio.

Adjourn

Chairman Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.