



AGENDA

**N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
October 24, 2019
Cape Fear Ballroom Starboard Side
Hotel Ballast
301 North Water Street
Wilmington, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.*

This meeting is being recorded as a public record. As a courtesy to others please turn off all cell phones during the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Steve Windham*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – *Chairman David Hoyle*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute §163A-159(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman David Hoyle*

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 29, 2019 MINUTES – Take action on the August 29, 2019 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES -Take action on the September 12, 2019 Wildlife Resources Commission telephonic meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT B**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund –*Melissa Earp, Finance Office Chief* (**EXHIBIT C**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report – *Richard Edwards, Chair*

Finance Committee Report – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*

Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee Report – *John Stone, Chair*

Education, Shooting, and Archery Committee Report – *Joe Budd, Chair*

Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Big Game Committee Report – *John Coley, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *Chairman David Hoyle*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – 2019 BOATING SAFETY UPDATE – *Major Ben Meyer, N.C. Boating Law Administrator, Law Enforcement Division*

WILDLIFE EDUCATION DIVISION UPDATE – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Education Division – *Kris Smith, Wildlife Education Division Chief*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Rulemaking – 2020-2021 Game Land Rule Proposals – Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 game land rule proposals to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief* (**EXHIBIT D-1**)

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2020-2021 Game Land Rules – Review and consider approval of the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 game land rules – *Brian McRae* (**EXHIBIT D-2**)

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of two properties – *Jessie Birckhead, Land Acquisition and Grants Manager (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)*

- McDowell Shooting Range Tract – McDowell County (**E-1**)
- Lahuis Tract – Henderson County (**E-2**)

Other Property Matters – Consider staff recommendation for disposition of the Gibson Fox Trial Facility in Scotland County– *Jessie Birckhead (EXHIBIT F)*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive an update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Rulemaking – Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 fishing rules to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Christian Waters (EXHIBIT G-1)*

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2020-2021 Fishing Rules - Review and consider approval of the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 fishing rules – *Christian Waters (EXHIBIT G-2)*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Rulemaking - Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 Wildlife Management rules to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBIT H-1)*

Fiscal Note for Proposed changes in the 2020-2021 Wildlife Management Rules – Review and consider approval of the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2020-2021 wildlife management rules – *Brad Howard (EXHIBIT H-2)*

TEMPORARY RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking – 15A NCAC 10L .0101 Wildlife Reserve – Consider adoption of a temporary rule addressing the activities required for land to qualify for present-use value taxation as wildlife conservation land that creates and is actively and regularly used as a reserve for hunting, fishing, shooting, wildlife observation or wildlife activities – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBIT I)*

Temporary Rulemaking – 15A NCAC 10A .1601 License Fees– Review public comments and consider adoption of a temporary rule moving all licenses, permits, stamps and certifications issued and administer by the Commission and associated fees from statute to rule and adjust existing fees by the CPI-U – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

2020 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Consider approval of the proposed 2020 Wildlife Resources Commission Meetings Schedule –
Gordon Myers, Executive Director (EXHIBIT K)

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman David Hoyle*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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