



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
December 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Steve Windham*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Tom Berry*

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 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 Crump*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEWS OF 2022 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONERS MONTY R. CRUMP, THOMAS L. FONVILLE, KELLY N. DAVIS, STEPHEN L. WINDHAM, MARK R. CRAIG, JAMES M. RUFFIN – Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2022 Statements of Economic Interest for Monty R. Crump, Thomas L. Fonville, Kelly N. Davis, Stephen L. Windham, Mark R. Craig, James M. Ruffin–*Margo Minkler*

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the October 20, 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the November 3,

2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)**

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT C)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award – Present the 2022 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Awards to Wake County Wildlife Club and Kathryn Booher – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Habitat, Nongame, Endangered Species Committee Report – Dec. 7, 2022 – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee Report- December 7, 2022– *John Coley, Chair*

Education and Communication Committee Report – December 7, 2022 – *Kelly Davis, Chair*

Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – December 7, 2022 – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Rules Committee Report – December 7, 2022 – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – December 7, 2022 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Our Conservation Legacy – *Dr. David Cobb, Research Director*

LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6)*

- Corbett Tract – Pender County **(D-1)**
- Looking Glass Run Tract – Halifax Counties **(D-2)**
- Panther Branch Tract – Montgomery County **(D-3)**
- Sanford Depot – Lee County **(D-4)**
- Grimesland DOT Site – Pitt County **(D-5)**

Other Property Matters – Consider staff recommendation for other property matters – *Ben Solomon (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4)*

- Trade Concept – Consider approval of a land trade associated with South Mountains Game Land, Linville River Game Land, and a private landowner **(E-1)**
- Lease Request – Consider a request for long term lease of the Mattamuskeet Lodge in Hyde County **(E-2)**

- Request for Easements - NC DOT requests a Right of Way Acquisition, Permanent Utility Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement for addition of a median to the adjacent road in Montgomery County (E-3)
- Request for Easements– NC DOT requests a Permanent Drainage Easement for replacement of an old bridge in Columbus County (E-4)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 New Hanover County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of extension of the no-wake zone in part of Bradley Creek in Wilmington – *Betsy Haywood*, Water Safety Rules Coordinator (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0361 Wilkes County – Review public comments and consider final adoption to extend no-wake zones at Dam Site Park and to incorporate the entire cove where Smithey’s Creek Boat Ramp and ADA Fishing Area and Fort Hamby BAA are located, to incorporate the Safety Zone adjacent to the dam, and to replace vague text language and itemize descriptions and locations of existing no-wake zones and marked swim areas – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0336 Northampton and Warren Counties – Review public comments and consider final adoption of the no-wake zone at the Stonehouse Timber Lodge Marina on Lake Gaston in Littleton; and the no-wake zone within 50 yards of the new Odom Boating Access Area on the Roanoke River in Jackson – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0326 Pamlico County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of technical changes to the descriptions and addresses of four Boating Access Areas in Pamlico County – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 Montgomery County – Review public comments and consider adoption of technical correction to add the address of the Old North State Marina on Badin Lake – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0301 General Provisions – Review public comments and consider adoption of a technical correction to remove language that limits the size of a Safety Zone where vessel access is denied – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0308 Clay County – Consider request as part of the agency’s Periodic Review of Rules to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing to extend the no-wake zone at the Ho Hum Campground boat ramp; to remove the no-wake zone in McCracken Cove for lack of necessity; to incorporate a marked Swim Area at the Clay County Recreational Park; and to incorporate a Restricted Area denoting the existing Jack Rabbit swimming area and no-wake zone – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT L)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes Counties – Consider application from Rockingham County to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, to establish no-wake zones at two locations at Humphrey’s Ridge Marina and Campground on Belews Lake in Stokesdale – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT M)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0333 Lake Wylie Marine Commission, Mecklenburg County – Consider application from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to publish

Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, to establish a no-wake zone in the waters of Withers Cove on Lake Wylie, in the waters shore to shore in the vicinity of the Mecklenburg Charlotte Fire and Police Department and Shopton Road West Bridge on Route 1116 – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT N)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0379 City of Roxboro– Consider application from the City of Roxboro to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, to establish a no-wake zone in a narrow channel, shore to shore in the open part of Lake Roxboro – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT O)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0355 Perquimans County, Town of Hertford, Perquimans River – Consider application from the Town of Hertford to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, to extend the existing no-wake zone in the Perquimans River to 190 yards northeast of the Perquimans River Bridge, otherwise known as the Hertford S-Bridge, in the navigation channel and to the east and southward to the shoreline of the Town of Hertford. Consider adoption of Fiscal Note. – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS P-1, P-2)

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text - Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearings for 15A NCAC 10D .0232 Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County – *Ashley Pekrul, Regulatory Analyst* (EXHIBIT Q)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10I .0103 - .0105 Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species – Review public comments and consider adoption of 10I .0103-.0105 Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species, to modify protected animal lists – *Ashley Pekrul* (EXHIBITS R-1, R-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10B .0201 Prohibited Taking and Manner of Take – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 15A NCAC 10B .0201 Prohibited Taking and Manner of Take to clarify the use of deer excretions – *Ashley Pekrul* (EXHIBIT S-1, S-2)

2023 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE - Consider approval of the proposed 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director* (EXHIBIT T)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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