



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

July 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Ray Clifton*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Joe Budd*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(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 inquire 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 Jim Cogdell*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Take action on the May 21, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Cecilia Edgar, Budget Director (EXHIBIT B)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF 2015 NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK LICENSE WINNERS - Present Lifetime Fishing Licenses to prize winners Hannah Ball and Faith Duncan, from fishing events held during the 2015 National Fishing and Boating Week – *Chairman Cogdell and Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

2015 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION – Present the 2015 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Mr. Jeff Beane – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Receive a special presentation from Duke Energy – *Steve Jester, Vice President, Water Strategy, Hydro Licensing and Lake Services*

Break for Photographs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries Committee Report – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *Jim Cogdell, Chairman*

Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee Report – *John Coley, Chair*

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – GREEN RIVER GAME LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN – Receive a presentation highlighting the final draft of the Green River Game Land Management Plan – *Gordon Warburton, Mountain Ecoregion Supervisor, Land & Water Access Section*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive a staff update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Bryson City Mountain Heritage Trout City Request – Consider request by the town of Bryson City to be added to the Mountain Heritage Trout City Program – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT C)*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wildlife Management Division Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

2015 – 2016 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Goose, and Falconry Seasons – Receive information concerning the status of the mourning dove population, status of the woodcock population, consider federal frameworks, receive results of early season internet comments, and select the 2015 – 2016 seasons and bag limits for webless migratory game birds, resident Canada geese, and falconry – *Dr. David Cobb (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4)*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7)*

- Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract – Warren County (E-1)
- Eure/Horton Tracts – Gates County (E-2)
- Faircloth Access Tract – Bladen County (E-3)
- NC 41 Big Swamp Access Tract – Robeson County (E-4)
- Sylvia Green Tract – Richmond County (E-5)
- Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract – Craven County (E-6)
- Womble Tract – Scotland County (E-7)

Phase II Land Acquisitions - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3)*

- Billups Tract – Bladen County (F-1)
- Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts – Pender County (F-2)
- Max Lake Tract – Richmond County (F-3)

Easement Request, Burke County - Consider an easement request across a portion of Johns River Game Land in Burke County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT G)*

Easement Request, Pender County - Consider an easement request across a portion of Angola Bay Game Land in Pender County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT H)*

Easement Request, Ashe County - Consider an easement request across a portion of Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT I)*

Easement Request, Halifax County - Consider a request from N.C. Department of Transportation for easements across a portion of Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County to facilitate a bridge improvement project – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT J)*

Easement Request, Caswell County - Consider an easement request from Duke Energy across a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County for the purpose of relocating an existing power transmission line – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT K)*

Easement Request, Richmond County - Consider granting an easement to Duke Energy across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County to facilitate provision of underground electrical service to a new WRC building – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT L)*

Archery Zone Designation, Durham County – Consider a staff recommendation to designate an archery-only area on a portion of Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT M)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Summary of Public Comments and Permanent Rule Adoption for Two No-wake Zones on Lake Wylie - Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties – Receive summary of public comments and consider for adoption proposed permanent amendments for 15A NCAC 10F .0333, creating two no-wake zones on Lake Wylie: Sadler Island east and Sadler Island west – *Kate Pipkin, Rules Biologist (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)*

CONSIDERATION OF NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 113-335, consider appointment of members to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director (EXHIBIT O)*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-243, at the first scheduled meeting of the Commission after July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall select from among its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

ADJOURN

EXHIBIT A
July 16, 2015



MINUTES
May 21, 2015
N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

The May 21, 2015, 2015 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting was called to order by *Commission Chairman* Jim Cogdell at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh. Cogdell reminded everyone that the meeting audio is being streamed live and will be available on the Wildlife Resources Commission website. He requested that everyone silence electronic devices. Commissioners Michell Hicks and Mark Craig were absent.

Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner John Coley gave the invocation.

WELCOME AND MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Cogdell advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as presented in the agenda. Chairman Cogdell welcomed Ned Jones of NC Trout Unlimited.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Jim Cogdell
Tom Berry
Tim Spear
Ray Clifton
Neal Hanks
Joe Budd

Nat Harris
Joe Barker
John Litton Clark
Garry Spence
John Coley

Tommy Fonville
Brian White
Richard Edwards
David Hoyle, Jr.
Wes Seegars

VISITOR

Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited

MINUTES – WRC MEETING MARCH 5, 2015

On a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by John Litton Clark, the Commission approved the March 5, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes as presented in **Exhibit A**. The March 5, 2015 Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

MINUTES – TELEPHONIC MEETING MARCH 18, 2015

On a motion by Joe Barker and second by Garry Spence, the Commission approved the minutes of the March 18, 2015 telephonic meeting, presented in **Exhibit B**. The March 18, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

MINUTES – TELEPHONIC MEETING APRIL 21, 2015

Tim Spear made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 telephonic meeting presented in **Exhibit C**. The motion was seconded by Joe Budd and carried. The April 21, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Cecilia Edgar, *Budget Director*, presented in **Exhibit D** the financial report as of March 31, 2015. The Operating Fund balance is \$14,570,466.75. The cash balance is restricted to twenty-five percent of the agency budget. At \$14 million the agency is under the \$19 million threshold. The Endowment Fund balance is 112,686,466.26. Expendable interest is \$20,685,550.81.

WRC MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

On a motion by Garry Spence and second by John Coley the Commission approved a change in the 2015 Commission meeting schedule. The July meeting was moved from July 9 to July 16, 2015. The July WRC Meeting Date Change is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries Committee Report - *Committee Chair* Wes Seegars reported that the Fisheries Committee met on May 20, 2015. The committee received an update on the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Angler Survey and community interviews. A summary presentation will be made at the July 2015 meeting. Bryson City has requested to be recognized as a Mountain Heritage Trout City and to have a 2.2 mile section of the Tuckasegee River designated as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Designation and licensing were discussed, with potential trout stocking in October.

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, updated the committee about the vandalism at Armstrong Hatchery. Three men lifted the gate, releasing water and causing the deaths of 168,000 fish. The total estimated loss is \$340,000.00. Staff developed an effective restocking plan with purchase of eggs and fish from other states.

The Striped Bass harvest season in the Roanoke River Management Area (RRMA) was extended from April 30 through May 3. The Total Allowable Landings for the RRMA in 2015 was 68,750 pounds. As of April 30, approximately 17,000 pounds remained available for harvest, and during the season extension, anglers harvested approximately 9,000 additional pounds.

An economic impact analysis of fishing on the Roanoke River during the months of March through May is being conducted in collaboration with the Division of Marine Fisheries. Results will be available by early fall.

Small Game Committee Report – Garry Spence, *Chair*, reported that the Small Game Committee met on May 20, 2015. Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, and Chris Kreh, *Upland Game Bird Biologist* provided an overview of concepts for establishment of quail emphasis areas. Concepts, which would require rulemaking and additional scientific study before implementation, include nest predator control from March through May, supplemental feeding part of the year, and wild quail translocation to supplement areas with few quail. Emphasis areas would require at least 1500 acres with at least fifteen percent of the area in year-round quail habitat. Landowners would have responsibility for conducting fall covey counts, and detailed records of trapping, feeding and translocation.

Mark Jones, *Supervising Wildlife Biologist*, discussed an opportunity for Commissioners and staff to attend field inspections of quail management at Di-Lane Plantation Management Area, owned by the State of Georgia near Augusta. The 5100 acres have been intensively managed by changing the landscape to make it suitable for quail. The trip will be held on August 19, 2015.

Executive Director Gordon Myers welcomed members of the NC Trappers Association to the Small Game Committee meeting. Tony White, *President*, told the committee about part of Senate Bill 647 that will make trapper education mandatory in North Carolina. An advanced trapper education course has been developed by David Denton and includes trapping best management plans. The course is taught as part of the Hunter Education Program. Myers stated that SB 647 points out the important role of trapping in North Carolina. He appointed a work group led by Kris Smith, *Wildlife Education Division Chief*, along with Colleen Olfenbuttel, Travis Casper, and Chris Huebner, to collaborate with members of the NC Trappers Association.

Chairman Spence reminded everyone that the next Small Game Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, in conjunction with the July 16 WRC meeting.

Land Use and Access Committee Report – Tom Berry, *Chair*, reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on May 20, 2015. Chris Goudreau, *Hydropower and Special Projects Coordinator*, gave an overview of hydropower relicensing projects administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in rivers in the Piedmont and mountains. The relicensing process assesses benefits and costs to the environment. Forty dams are administered under 21 FERC licenses that are issued for 30-50 years. Goudreau discussed WRC interests which include habitats and water quality for aquatic and terrestrial species and recreation opportunities such as boating and fishing, and requirements for access areas and maintenance. Governing documents include the FERC license, the 401 Water Quality Certificate administered by the State, fish passage, and optional settlement agreements. Associated with the FERC licenses are opportunities for land acquisitions, mitigation responsibilities, and restrictive easements.

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, reviewed six Phase I land acquisitions for consideration by the Commission later in the meeting. He then reviewed four Phase II tracts with a recommendation for the WRC to proceed with acquisition of the properties.

Erik Christofferson, *Deputy Director of Operations*, provided an update on a proposed shooting range in Burke County. Christofferson noted that the proposed site has opposition so other sites have been considered. Another site on the Johns River Game Land near the sheriff's shooting range may be feasible. Sound studies have been completed at two locations. At one of the locations with the use of a sound muffler, the sound is lower than at the sheriff's range. Public input meetings and an environmental assessment will be conducted. Christofferson announced that the Cleveland County shooting range project is twenty per cent complete. The site will be called the Foothills Public Shooting Complex of Cleveland County.

Christofferson reported to the committee that the assessment of the house at the Texas Plantation tract has been made. It is not feasible to attempt a conversion of that house into an office.

Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report – John Coley, *Chair*, reported that the Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee met on May 20, 2015. Doug Howell, *Waterfowl Biologist*, presented an overview of a Light Goose Conservation Order that would open in 2016, from February 15 to March 31, 2016. Expanded hunting methods will be allowed with no bag limits and no possession limits for light geese. Participants must be licensed and have a federal duck stamp. All participants must obtain a free permit and complete a harvest survey. Howell said that the agency website will be used as a portal, with a light goose season link. Permits will be available on September 1, 2016.

Executive Director Gordon Myers reported that he met with the Assistant Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service about the migratory bird program regarding compensatory days for hunting migratory waterfowl. HB 640, with the provision for Sunday hunting on private lands, affects migratory bird hunting in North Carolina. Since the USFWS is not prepared to allow compensatory days for any migratory birds if hunting on Sunday is allowed, Representative Dixon amended the bill to disallow any migratory bird hunting on Sunday.

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report – on behalf of *Chairman* Mark Craig, Commissioner Garry Spence reported that the Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee met on May 20, 2015. Cindy Carr, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, presented to the committee the Wildlife Action Plan Update, which will require approval by the Commission in August before submission to the USFWS by September 30, 2015. Carr distributed a timeline, showed Commissioners how to review the plan update on line, and announced that a question and answer session will be held at the July 15, 2015 committee meeting. Shannon Deaton reported that six nominations were received for recipient of the 2015 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award. The Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee recommended Jeff Bean. The Commission approved the nomination. The award will be presented at the July 16, 2015 WRC meeting.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Report – *Chairman* Jim Cogdell reported that the Committee of the Whole met on May 20, 2015. Dr. David Cobb presented an overview of the revised Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan. Cobb explained that if a bill is passed transferring farmed cervid management to the Department Agriculture, some parts of the plan will have to be revised. Dr. Cobb reported that state-wide deer management forums will be held in June.

Executive Director Myers stated that the new agency Internal Auditor conducts independent consulting activity to insure financial integrity and process improvement. The position is required by law. An audit charter is being developed. Since the Auditor reports to Myers, audit findings will go to the Commission Chairman.

Myers gave a legislative update to the committee. He mentioned the Trapping Bill (SB 647) which is a compromise bill for types and placement of traps. The Outdoor Heritage Act, HB 640 has passed the House. The bill was amended to require a distance from a residence of at least 500 yards for hunting on Sunday. Counties could opt out of Sunday hunting by ordinance after two years. HB 736 would remove license requirements for American Indians to hunt and fish. The resulting recurring impact to the WRC would be 100 to 300 thousand dollars. Myers mentioned HB 760, the Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 and possible impacts relative to search and seizure and allowable inspections by law enforcement. Senate Bill 513, the NC Farm Act, would transfer cervid farm oversight to the Department of Agriculture. The bill will be sent to the House.

Myers reported on the House budget, noting that agency reliance on the General Fund has decreased 55 percent. However, non-recurring cuts have reduced the agency budget by several million dollars and the agency anticipates a significant reduction in Pittman-Robertson funds. Myers stated that the agency will request that the Senate revise the proposed three million dollar cut to two million dollars in light of the reduction in other financial resources. Chairman Cogdell thanked Myers and staff for their work with the General Assembly.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT- AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES – WHAT ROLE DOES THE COMMISSION PLAY?

Christian Waters, *Fisheries Program Manager*, presented an overview about aquatic invasive and aquatic nuisance species. Waters reported that invasive species have moved outside their historic range and are likely to cause impacts to native species. Nuisance species have moved outside their native range and do cause ecological and economic impacts. Translocation of nuisance species can occur from bait, aquariums, pets, and hitchhiker releases from fishing activities. Nuisance species compete for food, nutrients, cause predation, parasites, interbreeding, and may interfere with human use of waters. Once introduced, they are almost impossible to eradicate.

Waters stated that the role of the WRC is to regulate invasive and nuisance species through prohibition, manner of take, stocking and transport, permits and aquaculture, to conduct research and monitoring, management and control, public education, and coordination with many partners.

Waters stated that hydrilla, an aquatic grass, is a major problem in state waterways. It was introduced in Wake County in the 1980s. Now it is found from the mountains to the coastal plain.

A North Carolina Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan is being drafted. The public comment period is open. The General Assembly is becoming aware of some nuisance species, especially hydrilla. The Division of Water Resources has been provided with funding by the General Assembly, matched with local budgets. The WRC is partnering with the Division of Marine Fisheries in some areas.

INLAND FISHERIES

Inland Fisheries Update

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, provided the Commissioners with a fisheries update. Curry mentioned the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Angler Survey and community interviews. A Trout Angler Opinion Survey and Landowner Survey and Economic Impact are underway. Angler expenditure data is being collected on the Roanoke River. Kerry Linehan is collaborating with NC Division of Marine Fisheries staff to estimate the economic impact during March – May. Results will be available in the late summer/early fall. Curry mentioned the flathead catfish study on the Cape Fear and Waccamaw rivers and grass carp movement studies on the Eno River and Blewett Falls Pee Dee River below Lake Tillery. Curry discussed the vandalism at the Armstrong Hatchery and the loss of 168,000 fish.

WILDLIFE EDUCATION

Introduction of New Division Chief and Division Update

Chief Deputy Director Mallory Martin introduced Kris Smith, the newly appointed *Wildlife Education Division Chief*. Smith gave an update on the reorganization of the Division, including marketing, communications, IT, hunter education, outdoor skills, shooting sports, and education. Smith introduced the new Social Media Director, Thomas Harvey. The agency has 40,000 likes on Facebook. There were 599 participants at the Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament in Ellerbe. Smith mentioned current magazine articles including ones on mussel propagation, shooting ranges, a family dove hunt, and a retrospective about Duane Raver. Artwork for the 2016 calendar has been chosen. Smith said that *Becoming an Outdoors Woman* had 112 participants. Thirty-five of them purchased licenses. Jenny Harris, *Marketing Director*, has created a new branding tent. The trout license plate direct marketing information is being mailed. There will be a yearlong display about the WRC at the Raleigh Convention Center.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Management Update

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief* gave an update about the activities of the Wildlife Management Division. Dr. Cobb reported that Deet James, *Hunting Heritage Biologist*, presented expanded turkey hunting seminars to 1400 people. He directed Commissioners' attention to copies of the *Upland Gazette* and stated that the agency will transition to an insert of the magazine in the spring and fall guides, reaching 40,000 readers. Preliminary results from the first year of banding Canada geese show that there are more than 155,000 resident Canada geese in North Carolina. During the annual trapper survey otter and bobcat carcasses are being collected to study fecundity and nutrition. Cobb reported on the Urban Bear Study around Asheville. Twenty dens have been identified. Ninety-four females produced an average of 2.65 cubs. Seventy-five percent are ground dens, twenty percent tree dens, and one under a front porch. The Box Turtle Connection, a long-term study with other universities, is ongoing at forty sites across North Carolina. Radio telemetry is being used to study three golden eagles. Cobb reminded everyone of the public Deer Management Forums in June across the state. The goal is to engage hunters about current deer populations.

REVISED CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE RESPONSE PLAN

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit E**, the revised Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan. Dr. Cobb noted that if the bill to transfer management of farmed cervids becomes law some sections will have to be revised in collaboration with the NC Department of Agriculture. On a motion by Joe Barker and second by Tom Berry the Commission adopted the Revised Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan. **Exhibit E** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ENGINEERING AND LANDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Phase I Land Acquisitions

On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission approved requests presented by Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, for agency staff to begin working with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties presented in **Exhibits F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, and F-6:**

- Johns River Tracts – Burke/Caldwell County
- Caldwell Tract – Haywood County
- Morrison Tract – Wilkes County
- Murphy Tract – Burke County
- Myrtle Head Tract – Brunswick County
- Stolting Tract – Richmond County

Exhibits F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, and F-6 are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Phase II Land Acquisitions

On a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by John Litton Clark the Commission gave final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties presented in **Exhibits G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4:**

- Phillips Tract – Ashe County
- EBH-H&V Tract – Alleghany County
- Teachey Tract – Pender County
- IP Chowan Tract – Gates County

Exhibits G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

BOATING SAFETY CHECK DECAL PILOT PROGRAM

As an addition to the agenda, Colonel Jon Evans, *Enforcement Division Chief*, reported that a pilot boating safety check program has been initiated to reduce multiple inspections of vessels. Ten thousand decals have been printed. The Enforcement Division is working with the Marine Patrol. The owner of a vessel is given a decal that may be placed on the starboard side of the forward bow after the vessel safety equipment is checked. Pre-launch safety inspections can be made so that safety checks do not have to be conducted on the water.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Cogdell thanked the Land Use and Access Committee and agency staff for developing that committee, with analysis of potential land acquisitions and stewardship costs.

Cogdell reminded the assembly that the next meeting of the Wildlife Resources Commission will be Thursday, July 16, 2015.

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Gordon Myers reported that the House budget probably will go to the Senate next week. Myers is working with members of the Senate about the proposed recurring cuts to the agency budget in light of declining receipts. Myers reported that there have been significant increases in agency outreach that are skill-based. Myers met with the Director of the NC Museum of Natural Science. They are studying state-wide citizen scientist programs with school children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jim Cogdell at 10:50 am.

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

Jim Cogdell, Chairman

Date

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

May-14			
Cash Balance July 1		\$ 21,922,571.86	
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	2013-2014		
Appropriations	Authorized Budget	Actual	% of
Appropriations	\$ 12,615,418.00	\$ 11,467,884.00	90.90%
Total	\$ 12,615,418.00	\$ 11,467,884.00	90.90%
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Receipts			
License Receipts	\$ 18,781,270.00	\$ 15,571,896.75	
Vessel Receipts	9,875,186.00	7,069,490.00	
Federal Funds	24,431,281.00	21,444,507.92	
Publications	345,437.00	373,456.43	
Professional Services	7,054,105.00	6,305,171.96	
Agency Reimbursements	3,980,657.00	3,676,978.33	
Other Receipts	1,154,671.00	1,717,696.56	
Total	\$ 65,622,607.00	\$ 56,159,197.95	85.58%
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Expenditures			
2100 Administration	\$ 7,958,606.00	\$ 7,032,656.57	
2120 Enforcement	21,802,771.00	20,038,145.91	
2130 Education	4,018,825.00	3,018,156.30	
2140 Inland Fisheries	9,620,622.00	7,356,483.32	
2150 Management	9,041,151.00	7,281,798.54	
2160 Engineering Services	20,619,960.00	18,828,903.25	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	8,925,557.00	7,253,776.89	
Total	\$ 81,987,492.00	\$ 70,809,920.78	86.37%
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Cash Balance May 31		\$ 18,739,733.03	

May-15			
		\$ 17,507,785.09	
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	2014-2015		
Appropriations	Authorized Budget	Actual	% of
Appropriations	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 10,271,101.00	90.63%
Total	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 10,271,101.00	90.63%
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Receipts			
License Receipts	\$ 19,022,957.00	\$ 18,562,476.40	
Vessel Receipts	11,296,581.00	8,745,050.00	
Federal Funds	27,893,331.00	23,302,811.73	
Publications	345,432.00	437,084.61	
Professional Services	8,571,485.00	8,592,691.88	
Agency Reimbursements	3,544,336.00	3,461,870.01	
Other Receipts	1,733,338.00	1,913,820.09	
Total	\$ 72,407,460.00	\$ 65,015,804.72	89.79%
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Expenditures			
2100 Administration	\$ 8,047,386.00	\$ 7,055,804.73	
2120 Enforcement	21,806,200.00	18,629,913.87	
2130 Education	3,837,363.00	3,185,059.14	
2140 Inland Fisheries	9,506,054.00	8,467,936.74	
2150 Management	10,878,576.00	8,407,710.45	
2160 Engineering Services	27,370,147.00	24,845,023.86	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	9,752,135.00	7,516,236.50	
Total	\$ 91,197,861.00	\$ 78,107,685.29	85.65%
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Cash Balance May 31		\$ 14,687,005.52	

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

ENDOWMENT FUND YEAR-TO-DATE

	<u>May 2014</u>	<u>May 2015</u>
Balance May 1	\$ 102,947,905.85	\$ 111,665,513.68
Plus: Revenues from Sales	246,295.00	232,160.00
Return on Investment	<u>527,565.91</u>	<u>372,346.35</u>
	103,721,766.76	112,270,020.03
Less: Transfers Out	<u>(212,078.00)</u>	
Balance May 31	<u>\$ 103,509,688.76</u>	<u>\$ 112,270,020.03</u>
Market Value	\$ 108,486,873.57	\$ 113,788,551.68

Endowment Fund Interest

<u>Sources of Interest Available</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>Non Expendable</u>	<u>Transferred to Operations</u>	<u>Transferred to Capital Projects</u>
ADULT Licenses	\$ 16,930,515.45	\$ -	\$ 864,668.32	\$ 1,679,277.00
INFANT Licenses	-	9,863,882.05		
YOUTH Licenses	-	805,821.53		
Magazine Subscriptions	1,849,852.48	-		
Contributions - General	786,544.50	-		
Contributions - Diversity	824.10			
TOTAL	<u>\$ 19,567,736.53</u>	<u>\$ 10,669,703.58</u>	<u>\$ 864,668.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,277.00</u>

2014-15 Budgeted Obligated

Allocation of Endowment Interest - Sportsman Fund	\$ 4,718,554.87
Allocation of Endowment Interest - Magazine Fund	184,668.32
	<u><u>\$ 4,903,223.19</u></u>

2014-15 Transferred To Date

To Sportsman Fund	\$ 680,000.00
To Magazine Fund	184,668.32
To Capital Projects	1,679,277.00
	<u><u>\$ 2,543,945.32</u></u>

EXHIBIT C

July 16, 2015



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mallory Martin, Chief Deputy Director

FROM: Robert L. Curry, Chief
Division of Inland Fisheries *Robert L. Curry*

DATE: July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Request from the Town of Bryson City to participate in the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program

Staff recommends that the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) recognize the Town of Bryson City as a Mountain Heritage Trout City and incorporate the adjacent Delayed Harvest Trout Waters section of Tuckasegee River into the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program. The Town of Bryson City formally requested this designation in a letter and petition dated January 5, 2015 (see attached).

In March 2015, the Commission adopted a rule proposal designating a 2.2-mile reach of Tuckasegee River in and adjacent to Bryson City as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classifying it as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters (see attached map). The designation is effective August 1, 2015, and the first trout stocking will occur in early October.

Public parking and many informal access points are located within the Town of Bryson City. Informal pull-offs and wade fishing opportunities are also located east of the town along River Road on the north bank of the river. In addition, the Commission is collaborating with the town and Swain County to build a universally-accessible fishing platform within Bryson City.

Bryson City meets the criteria established by the Commission for participation in the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program. The reach of the Tuckasegee River in and adjacent to the town is designated Public Mountain Trout Waters. The town has provided unrestricted public access to this reach. Finally, the town has requested to participate in the program and is willing to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A draft MOA and a Mountain Heritage Trout Waters pamphlet specific to the Town of Bryson City are attached.

Town of Bryson City

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Bryson City, NC 28713

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July 7, 2015

Mr. Gordon Myers

Director

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

1701 Mall Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1701

Sir:

The Bryson City Board of Aldermen urge you to designate Bryson City as a North Carolina "Trout City."

Already the Tuckasegee River that passes through the center of Bryson City has been given Delayed Harvest status.

We request that 2.2 miles of the Tuckasegee that flows through our town be set aside for the Trout City program.

Residents and visitors to Bryson City support this request. A petition with numerous signatures requesting Trout City status for Bryson City has been presented to your agency earlier this year.

Please designate Bryson City as the next Trout City.

Sincerely,


Tom Sutton

Mayor


Kate Welch

Mayor Pro-Tem

Jim Gribble

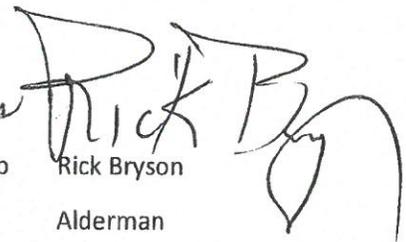
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Mr. Jim Cogdell
Chairman, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
3200 Fork Road
Norwood, NC 28182

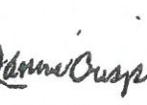
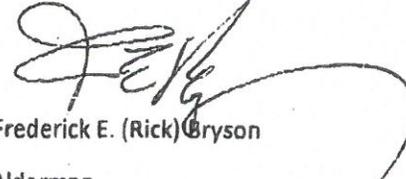
Dear sir:

In the discussion of the NCWRC concerning Bryson City becoming a designated "Trout City," we are enclosing the results of a petition that we, the Bryson City Board of Aldermen, circulated here.

Please note from the many signatures on the petition that a lot of people favor Bryson City becoming a Trout City. It would benefit our town greatly by giving both locals and visitors greater access to our natural resources--the now-pristine Tuckasegee River--and expand our economic base.

We strongly urge the NCWRC to endorse Bryson City as the next North Carolina Trout City.

Sincerely,

				
Tom Sutton,	Kate Welch	Jim Gribble	Janine Crisp	Frederick E. (Rick) Bryson
Mayor	Mayor Pro-Tem Alderman	Alderman	Alderman	

Enclosures

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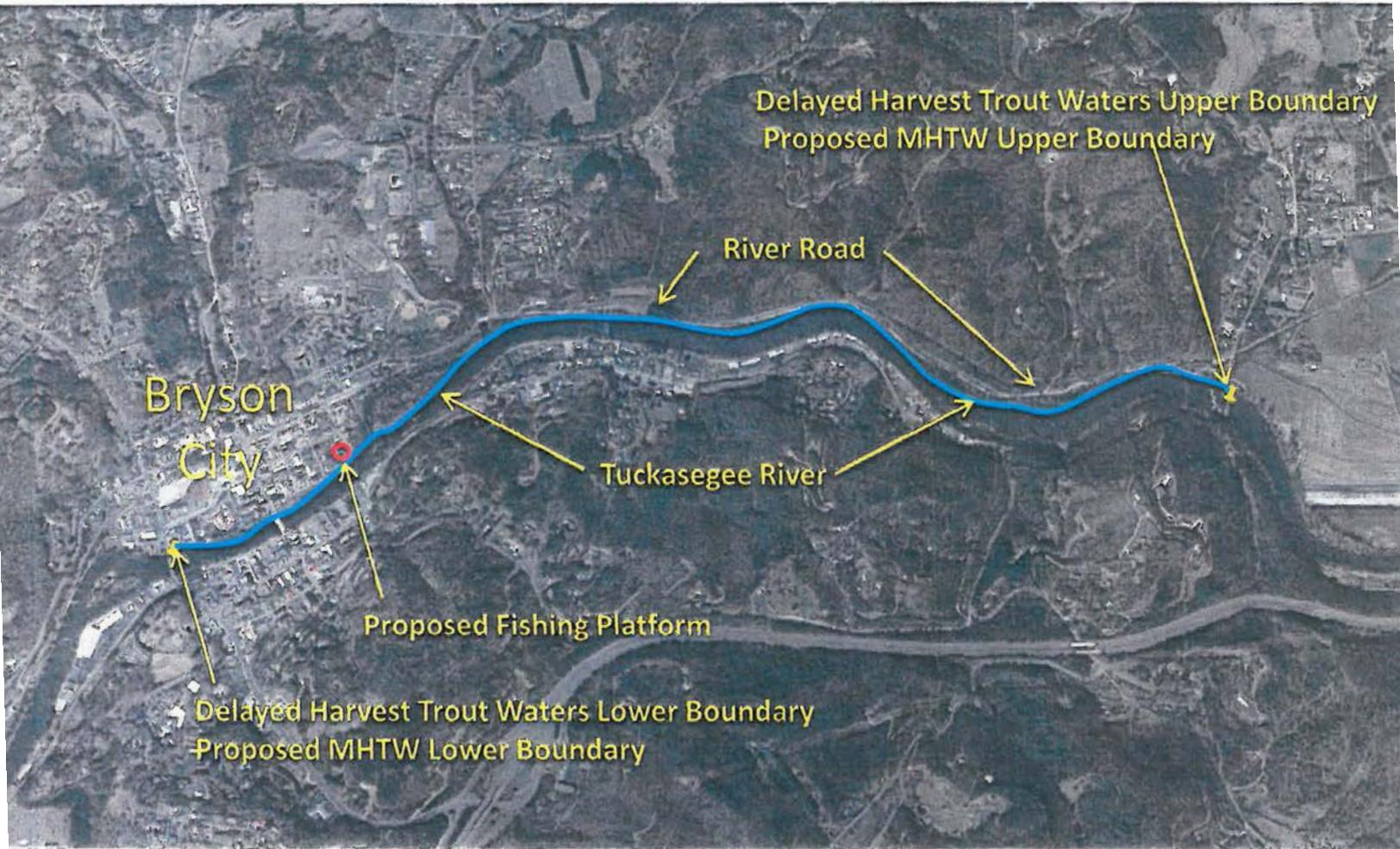


Help Bryson City become Western North Carolina's next Trout City where anglers from all over can fish a designated portion of the Tuckasegee River for three days on a \$5 license.

Name*	Address	Phone Number	e-mail
Stacey Collins	PO Box 272 Webster, NC 28788	828-226-8682	collins331@att.net
Lewis Bennett	250 S Current St Pinebluff, NC 28373	910-281-0208	joybennett355@gmail.com
Joy Bennett	250 S. Current St. Pinebluff, NC 28373	910-281-0208	joybennett ³⁵⁵³ @gmail.com
Amy Howell	107 Leisure Lane Spartanburg, SC 29307	864-415-1695	ahowell1995@gmail.com
John Lank	2201 W. W. West St. Greensboro, N.C. 27403	336-508-6221	jlank@troutinc.com
Terry Wimpey	140 Stanton Way Athens, GA 30606	706-353-6666	twimpey@yahoo.com
PETE PRUETT	P.O. Box 2443 PINELLAS PARK, FL 33782	727-599-9865	P.PRUETT70@YAHOO.COM
FRED VEARY	37 Kemper Ave Waxhatch, NC 27601	737-876-8623	USGA 7/1/10

*Provide as much information about yourself as you are comfortable providing, but at least enough so that you could be contacted in the future by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to verify your support.

Map of the proposed Bryson City Mountain Heritage Trout Waters.



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

TOWN OF BRYSON CITY

and the

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

for recognition as a

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT CITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, by and between the Town of Bryson City, North Carolina, hereinafter called the **City**, and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, hereinafter called the **Commission**;

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the **Commission** is authorized to conduct a program of fishery management for the benefit of the citizens of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the **Commission** is authorized to establish and implement a Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the **City** to participate in the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program in order to promote the goals of said Program;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual advantages likely to result from this agreement and the respective obligations assumed herein,

THE COMMISSION AGREES:

1. To provide technical assistance required to execute the specified fisheries management activities for this agreement;
2. To delineate an agreed segment of the Tuckasegee River within which the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters fishing license will be valid;
3. To incorporate the specific segment of the Tuckasegee River into rule or regulation consistent with other Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters;

4. To design a **City**-specific brochure to inform the public of the existence and elements of the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters program;
5. To formally recognize the **City** as a Mountain Heritage Trout City.

THE CITY AGREES:

1. To secure unrestricted public access through lease agreement, easement, or other means to the agreed segment of the Tuckasegee River;
2. To permit ingress, egress and regress to **Commission** personnel engaged in executing the recommended fishery management activities;
3. To reproduce and distribute the **City**-specific brochures to inform the public of the existence and elements of the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters program;

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

1. That this Agreement shall become effective as soon as signed by both parties and the program shall continue in effect until rescinded.
2. That nothing in this Agreement shall obligate either party to any conditions not specially stated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

Approved and agreed to:

Town Official

Robert L. Curry
Chief, Inland Fisheries Division
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Date

Date



BRYSON CITY, N.C.

PROMOTING THE BEAUTY, DIVERSITY AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S TROUT STREAMS

Mountain Heritage Trout Waters encourage trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity in western North Carolina and are located in participating cities and towns that provide public access to waters running through or adjacent to the city or town.

PROVIDING QUALITY TROUT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN BEAUTIFUL, SCENIC WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Mountain Heritage Trout Waters provide quality fishing opportunities in popular tourist destinations in western North Carolina. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, which sells the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters license, gives anglers two quick and easy ways to purchase a license:

- By phone: 888-248-6834. Hours of operation are: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday (from May through September, Monday-Sunday).
- Online: www.ncwildlife.org. Click on the "Purchase License" link on the top left side of the page. Print out the fishing license and keep it on your person when fishing in a Mountain Heritage Trout Water.

NC MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT CITY

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NC MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS

The license is valid for a 3-day period and costs \$5 for residents and non-residents age 16 and older. **The license is valid only for waters that are designated as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters.**

Write your fishing license number and valid dates on the line above



Mountain Heritage Trout Waters are managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Since 1947, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been dedicated to the wise use, conservation and management of the state's fish and wildlife resources. For more information on the agency or fishing in the state's public, inland waters, call the agency's Inland Fisheries Division, 919-707-0220, or visit the website, www.ncwildlife.org.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations for Mountain Heritage Trout Waters, such as daily creel limits, minimum size limits and lure restrictions, are established by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The 2.2-mile section of the Tuckasegee River from the U.S. 19 bridge to the Slope Street bridge is classified as the Bryson City Mountain Heritage Trout Water and is a **Delayed-Harvest Trout** Water with the following regulations:

From Oct. 1 until the first Saturday in June:

- No trout may be harvested or possessed;
- Fishing is restricted to artificial lures having one single hook;
- Natural bait may not be used or possessed.

From 6 a.m. until 12 p.m. (noon) on the first Saturday in June:

- Fishing is restricted to youths under 16 years old;
- No bait or lure restriction;
- No size limit restriction;
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit.

From 12 p.m. (noon) on the first Saturday in June until Sept. 30:

- Fishing open to all anglers;
- No bait or lure restriction;
- No size limit restriction;
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit.

BRYSON CITY MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATER TUCKASEGEE RIVER

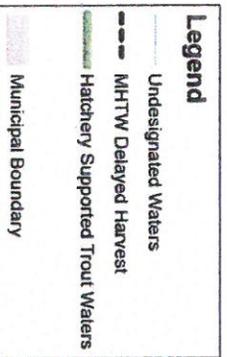
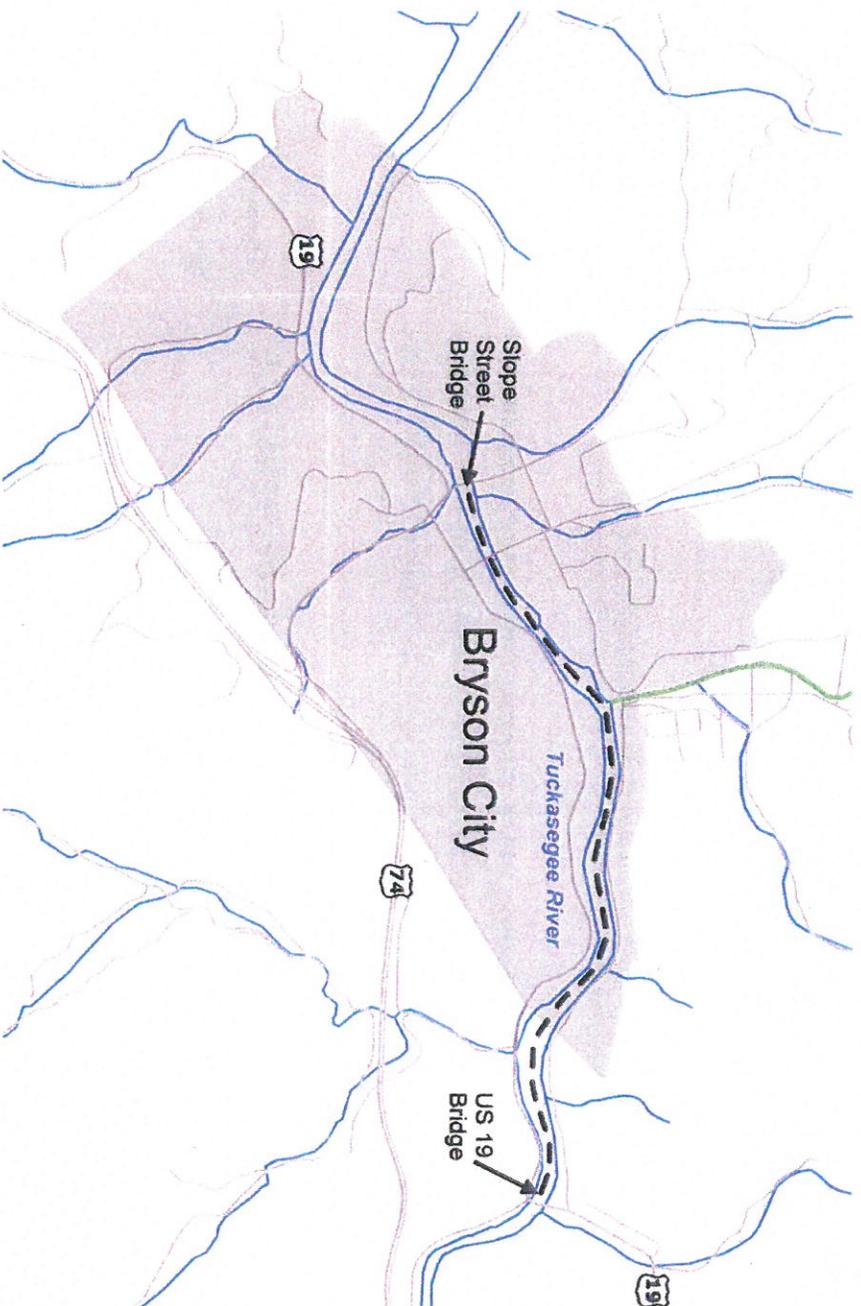


EXHIBIT D-1

July 16, 2015

Proposed Regulations Frameworks for 2015–16 Early Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds

Pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and delegated authorities, the Department of Interior approved the following proposals for season lengths, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and outside dates within which States may select seasons for hunting waterfowl and coots between the dates of September 1, 2015, and March 10, 2016. These frameworks are summarized below.

General

Dates: All outside dates noted below are inclusive.

Shooting and Hawking (taking by falconry) Hours: Unless otherwise specified, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Possession Limits: Unless otherwise specified, possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

Permits: For some species of migratory birds, the Service authorizes the use of permits to regulate harvest or monitor their take by sport hunters, or both. In many cases (e.g., tundra swans, some sandhill crane populations), the Service determines the amount of harvest that may be taken during hunting seasons during its formal regulations-setting process, and the States then issue permits to hunters at levels predicted to result in the amount of take authorized by the Service. Thus, although issued by States, the permits would not be valid unless the Service approved such take in its regulations.

These Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take migratory birds at levels specified in the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferrable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

Flyways and Management Units

Waterfowl Flyways:

Atlantic Flyway—includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Management Units

Mourning Dove Management Units:

Eastern Management Unit—All States east of the Mississippi River, and Louisiana.

Woodcock Management Regions:

Eastern Management Region—Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Definitions

Dark geese: Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant (except in Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other goose species, except light geese.

Light geese: snow (including blue) geese and Ross's geese.

Waterfowl Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway

In the Atlantic Flyway States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, where Sunday hunting is prohibited Statewide by State law, all Sundays are closed to all take of migratory waterfowl (including mergansers and coots).

Special September Teal Season

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and September 30, an open season on all species of teal may be selected by the following States in areas delineated by State regulations:

Atlantic Flyway—Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 16 consecutive hunting days in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. The daily bag limit is 6 teal.

Shooting Hours:

Atlantic Flyway—One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except in South Carolina, where the hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

Outside Dates: States may select 2 days per duck-hunting zone, designated as “Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days,” in addition to their regular duck seasons. The days must be held outside any regular duck season on a weekend, holidays, or other non-school days when youth hunters would have the maximum opportunity to participate. The days may be held up to 14 days before or after any regular duck-season frameworks or within any split of a regular duck season, or within any other open season on migratory birds.

Daily Bag Limits: The daily bag limits may include ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules and will be the same as those allowed in the regular season. Flyway species and area

restrictions will remain in effect.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Participation Restrictions: Youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. In addition, an adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field. This adult may not duck hunt, but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day.

Scoters, Eiders, and Long-tailed Ducks (Atlantic Flyway)

Outside Dates: Between September 15 and January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 107 days, with a daily bag limit of 7, singly or in the aggregate, of the listed sea duck species, of which no more than 4 may be scoters.

Daily Bag Limits During the Regular Duck Season: Within the special sea duck areas, during the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may choose to allow the above sea duck limits in addition to the limits applying to other ducks during the regular duck season. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks and are part of the regular duck season daily bag (not to exceed 4 scoters) and possession limits.

Areas: In all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia; and provided that any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States.

Special Early Canada Goose Seasons

Atlantic Flyway

General Seasons

A Canada goose season of up to 15 days during September 1–15 may be selected for the Eastern Unit of Maryland. Seasons not to exceed 30 days during September 1–30 may be selected for Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York (Long Island Zone only), North Carolina, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Seasons may not exceed 25 days during September 1–25 in the remainder of the Flyway. Areas open to the hunting of Canada geese must be described, delineated, and designated as such in each State's hunting regulations.

Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 15 Canada geese.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except that during any general season, shooting hours may extend to one-half hour after sunset if all other waterfowl seasons are closed in the specific applicable area.

Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and the last Sunday in January (January 31) in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. States in the Pacific Flyway have been allowed to select their hunting seasons between the outside dates for the season on ducks; therefore, they are late-season frameworks, and no frameworks are provided in this document.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 70 days in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. Seasons may be split into 2 segments. The daily bag limit is 15 common moorhens and purple gallinules, singly or in the aggregate of the two species.

Zoning: Seasons may be selected by zones established for duck hunting.

Rails

Outside Dates: States included herein may select seasons between September 1 and the last Sunday in January (January 31) on clapper, king, sora, and Virginia rails.

Hunting Seasons: Seasons may not exceed 70 days, and may be split into 2 segments.

Daily Bag Limits:

Clapper and King Rails—In Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, 10, singly or in the aggregate of the two species. In Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, 15, singly or in the aggregate of the two species.

Sora and Virginia Rails—In the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways and the Pacific Flyway portions of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming, 25 rails, singly or in the aggregate of the two species. The season is closed in the remainder of the Pacific Flyway.

Snipe

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and February 28, except in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, where the season must end no later than January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 107 days and may be split into two segments. The daily bag limit is 8 snipe.

Zoning: Seasons may be selected by zones established for duck hunting.

American Woodcock

Outside Dates: States in the Eastern Management Region may select hunting seasons between October 1 and January 31. States in the Central Management Region may select hunting seasons between the Saturday nearest September 22 (September 19) and January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 45 days in the Eastern Region and 45 days in the Central Region. The daily bag limit is 3. Seasons may be split into two segments.

Doves

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and January 15, except as otherwise provided, States may select hunting seasons and daily bag limits as follows:

Eastern Management Unit

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not more than 90 days, with a daily bag limit of 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

Zoning and Split Seasons: States may select hunting seasons in each of two zones. The season within each zone may be split into not more than three periods. Regulations for bag and possession limits, season length, and shooting hours must be uniform within specific hunting zones.

Special Falconry Regulations

Falconry is a permitted means of taking migratory game birds in any State meeting Federal falconry standards in 50 CFR 21.29. These States may select an extended season for taking migratory game birds in accordance with the following:

Extended Seasons: For all hunting methods combined, the combined length of the extended season, regular season, and any special or experimental seasons must not exceed 107 days for any species or group of species in a geographical area. Each extended season may be divided into a maximum of 3 segments.

Framework Dates: Seasons must fall between September 1 and March 10.

Daily Bag Limits: Falconry daily bag limits for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 birds, singly or in the aggregate, during extended falconry seasons, any special or experimental seasons, and regular hunting seasons in all States, including those that do not select an extended falconry season.

Regular Seasons: General hunting regulations, including seasons and hunting hours, apply to falconry in each State listed in 50 CFR 21.29. Regular season bag limits do not apply to falconry. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to gun limits.

EXHIBIT D-2

July 16, 2015

2015 Early Season Migratory Game Bird Season Options Response to internet questions

ES1. Mourning Dove Gun Season Dates

Frameworks: 90 days, no more than 3 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1st

Latest closing date: January 15th

The proposed 2015-16 season dates for mourning doves are: **September 5th – October 10th, November 23rd – January 15th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Yes **11 responses**
- No **1 response**
- No comment **2 responses**

ES2. Woodcock Gun Season Dates

Frameworks: 45 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: October 1st

Latest closing date: January 31st

The proposed 2015-16 season dates for woodcock are: **December 17th – January 30th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Yes **5 responses**
- No **1 response**
- No comment **1 response**

ES3. Snipe Gun Season Dates

Frameworks: 107 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1st

Latest closing date: February 28th

The proposed 2015-16 season dates for snipe are: **November 13th – February 27th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Yes **3 responses**
- No **No response**
- No comment **No response**

ES4. Rail, Gallinule and Moorhen Gun Season Dates

Frameworks: 70 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1st

Latest closing date: Last Sunday in January (January 31st)

The proposed 2015-16 season dates for rails, gallinules and moorhens are: **September 1st – October 3rd, October 23rd – November 28th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Yes **1 response**
- No **3 responses**
- No comment **3 responses**

ES5. September Teal Gun Season Dates

Frameworks: 16 consecutive days

Earliest opening date: September 1st

Latest closing date: September 30th

The proposed 2015-16 season dates for September teal are: **September 5th – September 23rd.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Yes **6 responses**
- No **3 responses**
- No comment **4 responses**

ES6. Extended falconry season dates for doves

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Total available falconry days (including gun season) must not exceed 107

Of the following extended falconry season options for doves, which do you prefer.

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (September, October, November) **2 responses**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (December, January, February) **No response**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES7. Extended falconry season dates for rails, gallinules and moorhens

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Total available falconry days (including gun season) must not exceed 107

Of the following extended falconry season options for rails, gallinules and moorhens which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (October, November and December) **2 responses**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (January, February, March) **No response**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES8. Extended falconry season dates for woodcock

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Total available falconry days (including gun season) must not exceed 107.

Of the following extended falconry season options for woodcock, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (October, November and December) **1 response**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (January, February, March) **1 response**

Early Season Regulations Comments Report For 2015

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
ES1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES1	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
ES1	District 8	Option 1		Gaston	HENRY, SCOTT T
ES1	District 6	Option 1		Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
ES1	District 2	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES1		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
			suggest clarification of combining dove and goose hunting during sept to note non-lead shot required. Often hunters have opportunities at geese while dove hunting. I buy the steel dove loads (comparable in price to lead) to go along with my goose loads. Also - DU president had good editorial recently on public hunt "rules". would be a good addition to our regs / and permit books. Good common sense.		
ES1	District 7	Option 1		Yadkin	BRENDLE JR, KENT F
ES1	District 2	Option 1		Beaufort	TETTERTON, GREYSON L
ES1	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
ES1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
			I would like to see sept. 1 as an opening day. If early teal starts the same day as dove(5th) I along with many more will be teal hunting and miss out on a few good dove hunts.		
ES1	District 2	Option 2		Pitt	BURGETTE, DAVID W
ES2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
			NC should have split woodcock season, East & West of I-77. Most of migratory woodcock in mountain region are in October/November and sometimes flushed by grouse hunters. This season is set for Atlantic flyway birds wintering on the coast. By mid-December ground is frozen and birds have moved south. This year may be too late but should be considered for next year.		
ES2	District 9	Option 2		Buncombe	MALLICOAT, ROBERT D

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
ES2	District 2	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES2	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
ES2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES4	District 1	Option 2	Add another week to the first split.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES4	District 1	Option 2	Can you make the first segment longer, taking some days from the second segment, in order to take advantage of the migration being a bit delayed and birds not showing up until after the first segment closes (under current proposal)?	Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES4	District 2	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES4	District 1	Option 2	I think it would be better to take a week off the 2nd segment and add it to the end of the first segment.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES5	District 1	Option 2	Definitely don't agree with these dates. I hunt every day of the teal season and i think the starting date should be anytime the following week and not on the first day of dove season. Plus the 5th is a little too early. In the middle of the next week would be best according to my experience.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES5	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
ES5	District 1	Option 2	Do not open teal season on the same day as dove season. Also this would be the earliest it has ever opened. Wait a bit so there is a better chance of teal actually being in NC to hunt.	Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES5	District 1	Option 2	That opening date is a little too early.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES5	District 2	Option 1		Beaufort	TETTERTON, GREYSON L
ES5	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
ES5		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
ES5	District 6	Option 1	Will encourage early season teal due to corresponding with Labor Day.	Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
ES5	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	BURGETTE, DAVID W
ES6	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
ES6	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES7	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES7	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES8	District 1	Option 2		Dare	SCARBOROUGH, DIANNA L
ES8	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D

2015-16 Early Season Migratory Game Bird Season Frameworks and WMD Staff Recommendations

Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommendations	
		Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Mourning Dove & White-winged dove	Outside Dates: September 1 – January 15, 90 days with 3 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 5 – October 10, November 23 – January 15	15
King & Clapper Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 31) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 3, October 23 – November 28	15
Sora & Virginia Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 31) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 25 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 3, October 23 – November 28	25
Gallinule & Moorhens	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 31) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 3, October 23 – November 28	15
Woodcock	Outside Dates: October 1 – January 31 45 days with 2 splits, daily bag of 3	December 17 – January 30	3
Common Snipe	Outside Dates: September 1 – February 28 107 days with 2 splits daily bag of 8	November 13 – February 27	8

EXHIBIT D-3
July 16, 2015

Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommendations	
		Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Canada Goose	<p>Outside Dates: September 1 – 30 (statewide), 30 days daily bag of 15</p> <p>Special methods: During the September Canada goose season only, the following expanded hunting methods area allowed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extended shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset. 2. unplugged guns 3. electronic calls <p>Note: The special methods cannot occur during any other open waterfowl, e.g., teal season.</p>	<p>September 1 – 30 (statewide)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. extend shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset 2. allow use of unplugged guns 3. allow use of electronic calls <p>These expanded methods are <u>only</u> to be allowed west of U.S. 17.</p>	15
September Teal	<p>Outside Dates: September 1 – 30, 16 days, daily bag of 6, east of U.S. 17 only</p>	<p>September 12 – 30 (East of U.S. 17 only)</p> <p>Note: different than what was presented for online comments</p>	6

- Federal guidelines allow for shooting hours for all migratory game birds to be from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Possession limit is three times the daily bag for all species.

EXHIBIT D-4

July 16, 2015

Extended Falconry Season Highlights & WMD Staff Recommendations for 2015-16 Extended Falconry Seasons for Webless Migratory Game Bird Species

General Restrictions/Guidelines

- Seasons must fall between September 1 and March 10
- Total days available for falconry cannot exceed 107 (for each species) and includes regular, i.e., gun seasons, experimental seasons and extended falconry seasons
- The falconry daily bag limit is 3 permitted migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The regular, i.e., gun season bag limits for individual species do not apply.
- Each extended season may be divided into a maximum of 3 segments
- The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the gun bag limit

WMD Staff Recommendations

If the Commission chooses staff recommended “gun” seasons as presented, we recommend the following extended falconry seasons.

Mourning dove/White-winged dove	October 15 – October 31
Rails, Gallinule and Moorhens	December 5 – January 9
Woodcock	November 7 – December 5 & February 1 – February 27

EXHIBIT E-1

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Andrew Mynatt, Chris Dawes

Date First Presented to WRC: July 16, 2015

Tract Name: Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract

Acreage: 1.4

Parcel ID No: 2869491786

County: Warren County

Estimated Value: \$12,000.00 (asking price); \$8,614.00 (Tax Value)

Property Owner or Representative: Karen Stainback, Broker; Coldwell Banker Advantage,
Henderson, NC (representative)

Eula J Coppedge (owner)
110 Pearl Harbor Road
Littleton, NC

Phone: Karen Stainback: 252.431.6253 office; 252.213.0090 mobile

Address: 857 S. Beckford Dr., Ste. C
Henderson, NC 27536

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: NHTF CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Roberson Land Acquisition Grant and/or WRC

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): This small tract is forested in middle to older aged, mixed pine/hardwood upland forest in better than average condition. There are no structures on the site. The benefit of this tract is its proximity to NC Highway 58 and the existing game land tract.

Additional Comments: This 1.4 acres tract will act to secure and augment a narrow access point to an existing 286 acre Shocco Creek Game Land tract. This acquisition would give this tract true deeded, public paved road access. During the process of developing the game land management plan for the Upper Tar Game Land Complex (Brinkleyville, Embro, Sandy Creek and Shocco Creek Game Lands), staff and constituents identified several game land components or amenities that were not currently present on the Shocco Creek Game Land. Due to the relevant proximity of this game land tract to all others, this tract has been identified for the development of both hunter camping and parking facilities.

Addition of this tract to the program will facilitate the development and use of these additional services by providing visible/marked frontage on NC Highway 58 directly adjacent to the existing and “unsecured access” trail. Additionally, it would allow WRC available space to construct camping and parking facilities on land that is not designated as NC Dedicated Nature Preserve. The property has been under the current ownership since 1995 and has been for sale for a number of years.

Program Potential: Game Land (Shocco Creek) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Shocco Creek GL) Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract (Warren County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>NA</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>NA</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>NA</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>

Note: this tract fulfills a need identified by the game land management plan process to provide and/or augment access to previously inaccessible tract and provide additional services such as hunter camping opportunities and parking areas.

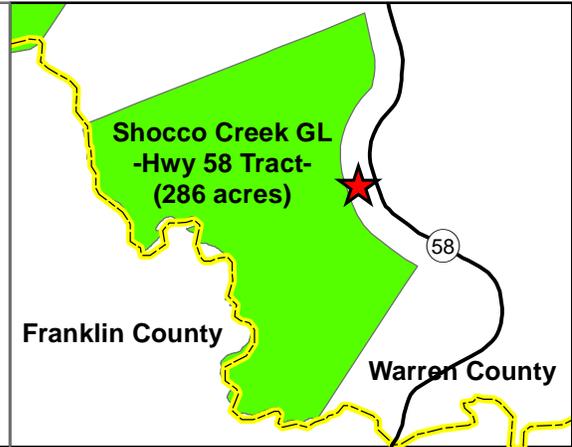
TOTAL SCORE 15

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract	Boundary Establishment	0.18	mi.	\$270.00	\$50.00
	Boundary Maintenance	0.18	mi.	\$135.00	\$25.00
Total					\$75.00

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total					\$ -

**Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract
Shocco Creek GL
Warren County
1.4 Acres**



Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract

Shocco Creek GL

June 15, 2015

0 250 500 Feet



NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis,
NC 911 Board

EXHIBIT E-2

July 15, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: May 21, 2015

Tract Name: Eure/Horton Tracts (PIN: 6927917217 & 6936093980)

Acreage: 321.94

County: Gates

Estimated Value: \$ 700,000

Property Owner or Representative: Bundy Lane

Phone: (252) 398-7705 Mobile

Address: 463 Cotton Gin Road, Gates, NC 27937

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Property consists of upland natural regenerated pines and hardwoods following recent clear cuts, unthinned pine stands, old fields and managed openings, power line ROW, and gum drains within the Chowan River Basin. The loblolly pine stands need clearcutting and incorporated into adjacent clear cuts for longleaf pine and associated groundcover restoration. The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species and will provide valuable habitat for, reptiles and amphibians, neotropical migrants, whitetail deer, wild turkey, black bear, small game, and furbearers. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Eure/Horton Tracts Biodiversity index averaged a score of 6 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). Approximately 15% of the tracts scored between 7-8. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity.

Additional Comments: Tracts are inholdings bordered by existing Chowan Swamp Game Land on three sides. Current access to existing game land tract is by ROW through the Eure/Horton tracts. Landowner is exploring solar energy field leases. The tracts hold an active sand mining permit.

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Maintain ROW Road	1.25	mi	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,375.00
Maintain Roads/Trails	0.7	mi	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00
Establish Gate	2	ea	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Maintain Gate	4	ea	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00
Prescribed Burning -yr 4-5	205	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,150.00
Boundary Establishment	0.85	mi	\$ 550.00	\$ 467.50
Boundary Removal	2.65	mi	\$ 100.00	\$ 265.00
Boundary Maintenance- yr 4 Longleaf/NWSG	0.85	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
Reforestation/Restoration(herbicide, drum chop, plant Longleaf and NWSG)	125	ac	\$ 600.00	\$ 75,000.00
Reforestation/Restoration of clear cut loblolly pines	80	ac	\$ 462.00	\$ 36,960.00
Seed/Maintain Openings	14.5	ac	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,2687.50
			Total	\$ 150,269.75

5-Year Anticipated Revenue

			Value	Total
Harvest Loblolly Pine	80	ac	\$ 750.00	\$ 60,000.00
			Total	\$ 60,000.00

Program Potential: Game Land (Chowan Swamp) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 26 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Eure-Horton Tracts - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species

Eure-Horton Tracts - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species				
	HABITATS			
SPECIES	Floodplain Forest	Early Successional	Dry Coniferous Woodlands (Plantation)	State Status
BIRDS				
American Kestrel		X	X	
American Woodcock	X	X		
Barn Owl		X		
Brown-headed Nuthatch			X	
Chimney Swift	X			
Chuck-will's-widow		X	X	
Common Nighthawk		X	X	
Cooper's Hawk			X	SC
Eastern Kingbird		X		
Eastern Meadowlark		X		
Eastern Wood-pewee	X		X	
Field Sparrow		X		
Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
Hairy Woodpecker	X			
Henslow's Sparrow		X		SR
Hooded Warbler	X			
Kentucky Warbler	X			
Northern Bobwhite		X	X	
Northern Flicker			X	
Orchard Oriole		X		
Prairie Warbler		X		
Red-headed Woodpecker	X		X	
Swainson's Warbler	X			
Whip-poor-will		X	X	
Wood Thrush	X			
Worm-eating Warbler	X		X	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X			
Yellow-crowned Night-heron	X			
MAMMALS				
Cotton Mouse	X			
Eastern Mole		X		
Least Shrew		X		
Long-tailed Weasel		X		
Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	X			T

Eure-Horton Tracts - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species

Eure-Horton Tracts - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species				
	HABITATS			
SPECIES	Floodplain Forest	Early Successional	Dry Coniferous Woodlands (Plantation)	State Status
AMPHIBIANS				
Eastern Spadefoot	X			
Four-toed Salamander	X			SC
Mabee's Salamander	X			SR
Marbled Salamander	X			
Southern Dusky Salamander	X			
REPTILES				
Broad-headed Skink	X			
Common Ribbonsnake	X			
Eastern Box Turtle	X	X		
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake			X	
Eastern Kingsnake	X	X		
Eastern Slender Glass Lizard		X		
Mole Kingsnake		X		
Spotted Turtle	X			
Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	X		X	SC

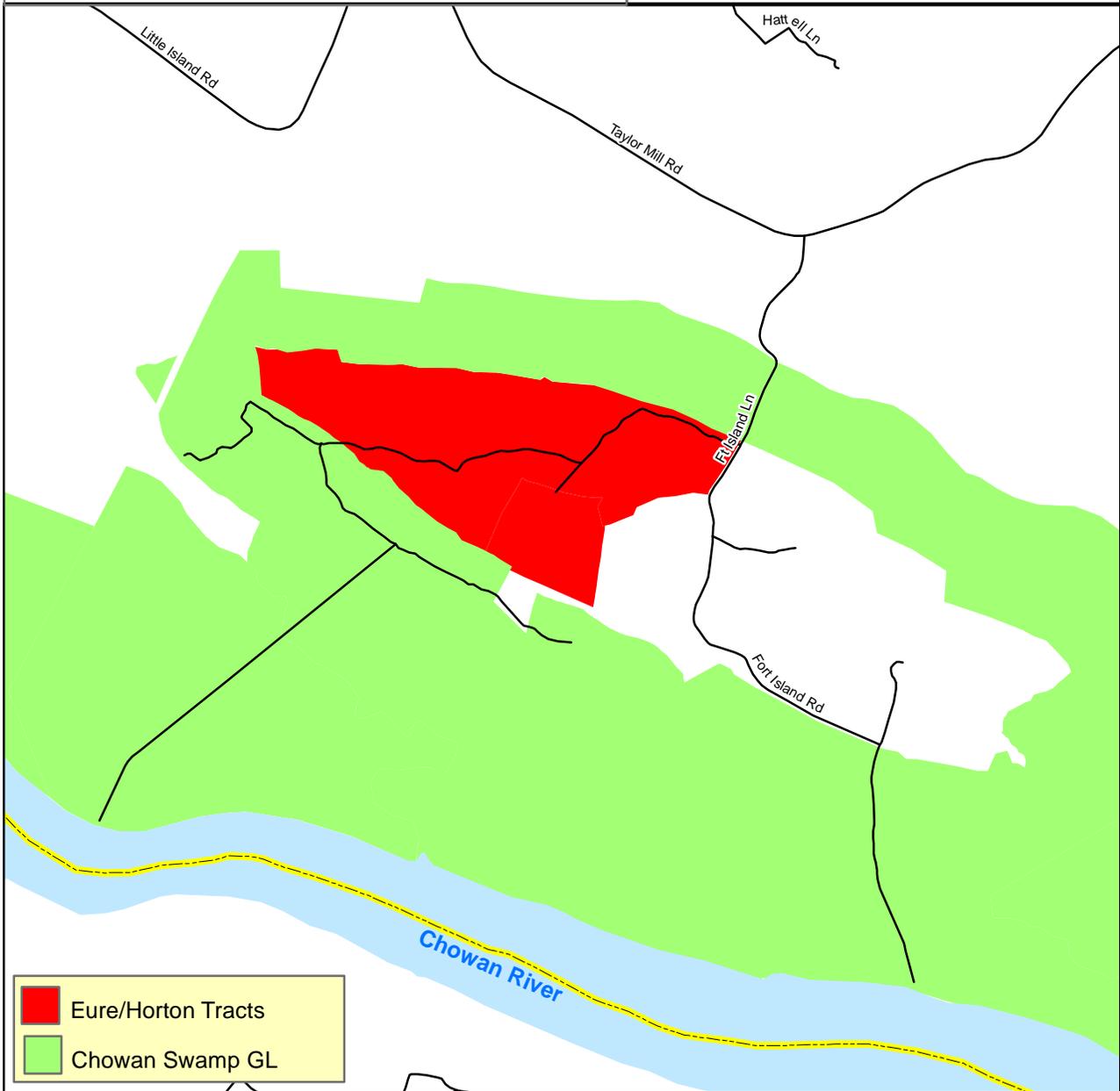
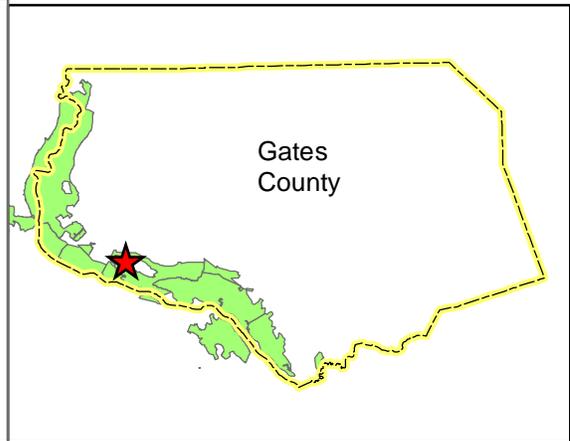
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Chowan Swamp GL) Eure/Horton Tracts (Gates County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>4</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>4</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>3</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>26</u></u>

**Eure/Horton Tracts
Chowan Swamp GL
Gates County
322 Acres**



April 19, 2015

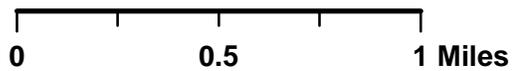


EXHIBIT E-3

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: August 30, 2012

Tract Name: Faircloth Access Tract

Pin: 038900774053

Acreage: 70.00

County: Bladen

Estimated Value: \$ 62,790.00 (Tax Value)

Property Owner or Representative: James Faircloth

Phone: (C) 910-876-0647

Address: 783 Live Oak Methodist Church Road, White Oak, NC 28399

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, WRC
Funds

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Property shares approximate 1.3 miles of common boundary with Suggs Mill Pond Game Land on the northern, eastern, and southern edges. It consists of approximately 44 acres of upland soils appropriate for longleaf pine and 26 acres of pocosin habitat consisting of the peatland Atlantic white cedar forest community type.

The tract was burned over in a wildfire in 2011 and the 44 acres of upland pines were harvested for purposes of salvaging any merchantable timber. These acres were not reforested and are naturally vegetating back with turkey oaks, a few longleaf pines, and a sparse herb layer. The pocosin habitat was also burned during the wildfire and the larger, dominant Atlantic white cedars were killed. However, this community type thrives after infrequent fires and the cedars and shrub layer have responded with natural regeneration.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats and species and will provide valuable habitat for reptiles, amphibians, neotropical migrants, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, small game, and furbearers. See the attached spreadsheet with habitats and their priority wildlife species.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Faircloth Tract's biodiversity index has an estimated averaged score of 9 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). Approximately 43 acres (61%) of the tract scored a maximum of 10 and the remaining 27 acres (39%) scored 8. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

Additional Comments: This tract will provide additional public and administrative access to portions of Suggs Mill Pond Game Land that are otherwise difficult to access because of the poor condition of an existing road in a wetland area. Current public access to Little Singletary Lake on Suggs Mill Pond Game Land requires lengthy and arduous foot travel down a road that is 0.7 miles in length. This tract would provide vehicular access to the lake that is currently not available and not economically feasible to provide. Public comment from waterfowl hunters, paddlers, and anglers for the past several years and during the planning process for the Suggs Mill Pond Game Land Management Plan requested better access to Little Singletary Lake. Acquisition of this tract would provide the WRC with the opportunity to meet this need and would also provide better administrative access to this portion of the existing game land.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

30 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Faircloth Access Tract - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species

HABITATS				
		Dry Longleaf Pine	Pocosin	State Status (Federal Status)
SPECIES	BIRDS			
	American Kestrel	X		
	Bachmans's Sparrow	X		SC
	Brown-headed Nuthatch	X		
	Chuck-will's-widow	X		
	Eastern Wood-pewee	X		
	Hooded Warbler	X	X	
	Northern Bobwhite	X		
	Northern Flicker	X	X	SC
	Prairie Warbler	X	X	
	Red-headed Woodpecker	X	X	
	Whip-poor-will	X		
	MAMMALS			
	Cotton Mouse		X	
	Eastern Fox Squirrel	X		SR
	Marsh Rabbit		X	
	Star-nosed Mole		X	SC
	AMPHIBIANS			
	Barking Tree Frog	X		
	Eastern Spadefoot	X		
	Eastern Tiger Salamander	X		T
	Many-lined Salamander		X	
	Northern Slimy Salamander	X		
	Oak Toad	X	X	SR
	Ornate Chorus Frog	X		SR
	Pine Barrens Tree Frog	X	X	
	Southern Dusky Salamander		X	
	REPTILES			
	Corn Snake	X		
	Eastern Coachwhip	X		SR
	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	X		
	Eastern Slender Glass Lizard	X		
	Mole Kingsnake	X		
	Northern Scarletsnake	X		
Pigmy Rattlesnake	X		SC	
Scarlet Kingsnake	X			
Southeastern Crowned Snake	X			
Southern Hog-nosed Snake	X		SC	
Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	X		SC	

Faircloth Access Tract-Bladen County

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Upgrade Road – yr. 1	0.8	mi	\$150,000.00	\$120,000.00
Maintain Road– yr. 2 - 5	0.8	mi	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Prescribed Burning – yr. 1 and 4	44	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,640.00
Boundary Establishment – yr. 1	0.38	mi	\$ 550.00	\$ 209.00
Boundary Removal – yr. 1	1.3	mi	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00
Boundary Maintenance- yr. 4	0.38	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 51.30
Longleaf Pine Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration (Planting of Trees and NWSG's) – yr. 1	44	ac	\$ 403.00	\$ 17,732.00
			Total	\$148,762.30

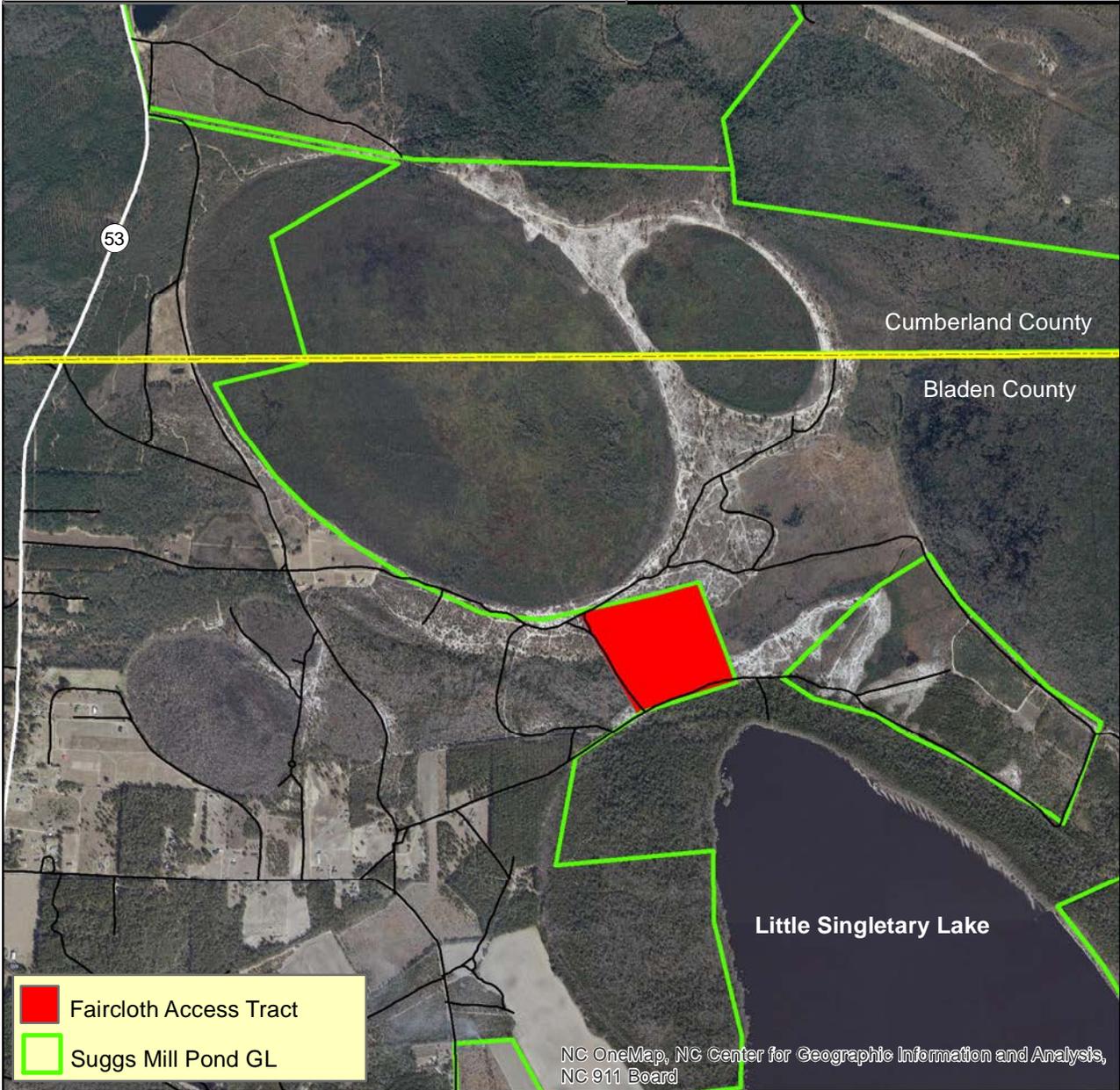
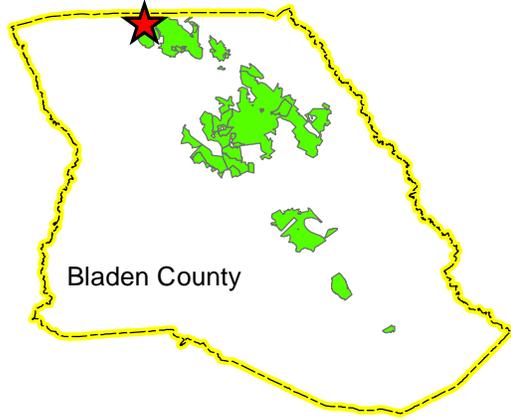
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Suggs Mill Pond GL) Faircloth Access Tract (Bladen County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>Yes</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>Yes</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>30</u>

**Faircloth Access Tract
Suggs Mill Pond GL
Bladen County
70 Acres**



June 14, 2015

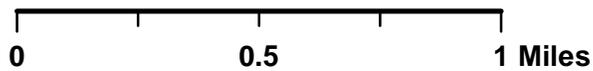


EXHIBIT E-4

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Mark Hamlett, Kyle Briggs

Date First Presented to WRC: July 16, 2015

Tract Name: NC 41 Big Swamp Access Tract

Acreage: +/- 2

Parcel ID No: 034295878200 (Parent Tract; 85 acres)

County: Robeson County

Estimated Value: The listed tax value of the parent tract is approx. \$408/ac. However, it is anticipated that a 2 acre subdivided parcel with both road and water frontage will appraise somewhat higher.

Property Owner or Representative: Anthony Sessoms (owner)

Phone: (910) 734-7465

Address: 13944 NC Hwy 41 N., Lumberton, NC 28358

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Vessel and fishing license receipts

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): An impromptu public access to Big Swamp Creek has developed on a privately owned property located on NC Hwy 41 approximately 10 miles east of Lumberton. The site is currently used for bank fishing and launching of small boats. The property owner has offered to sell a portion of the property to WRC to ensure that the site is appropriately designed and managed for that use.

The site is currently accessed by a dirt road, which is in very poor condition. The existing driveway does not meet dimensional requirements for turning radius and is only accessible when traveling east on NC 41. Parking is currently limited to approximately 3-5 vehicles.

Staff assessment indicates that the site is well located for public access to a good fishery. The site is particularly well suited for launching canoe and/or kayaks for float fishing. The site also

holds potential for small motorboat access as well, pending additional investigation of water depths, dredging, and permit requirements

Additional Comments: The next closest existing developed access site on Big Swamp is the WRC Lennons Bridge Boating Access Area, which is located approximately 14 water miles and 18.5 road miles south of the NC 41 site.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area Boating Access Area

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal-state match rates): Sport Fish Restoration Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Potential Water Access Site Assessment Report

Documenters: Date:
 Others present/Affiliation & Contact Info:

SITE LOCATION

Access Area Name: County: CAMA County:
 Nearest city: State Plane coordinates:
 Directions:

CHARACTERISTICS OF WATER BODY

Body of water: River Basin:
 Average water depth from shore: 0-10 ft: 10-25 ft: 25-50 ft:
 Possible dredging: Yes No Dredge length in feet:
 Established channel at MLW: Yes No Average Depth: Est. water fluctuation at MLW:
 Navigability from site (types of obstructions/hazards):
 Average width of water body:
 Agency Demarcation: Coastal Waters Joint waters Inland Waters
 Submerged Aquatic Vegetation: Dominant Moderate Insignificant Unknown

CHARACTERISTICS OF LAND

Wetlands area of coverage in %: Average elevation:
 Tract size in acres: Est. distance from water to state road:
 Current land use (agricultural, commercial, industrial, etc.):
 Adjacent land use (scenic, recreational):
 Archeological/Historical value of site:
 Site Features (current use description, existing utilities, etc.):

Environmental Concerns (existing wetlands, submerged vegetation, endangered species, anadromous fish):

Socioeconomic Impacts (public resources, community lifestyle, recreational resource, local handling capacity, etc.):

Other Impacts or Concerns (design, construction, etc.):

Next closest BAA, Parks & Recreation, Marine or WRC Fisheries, etc. by water and land:

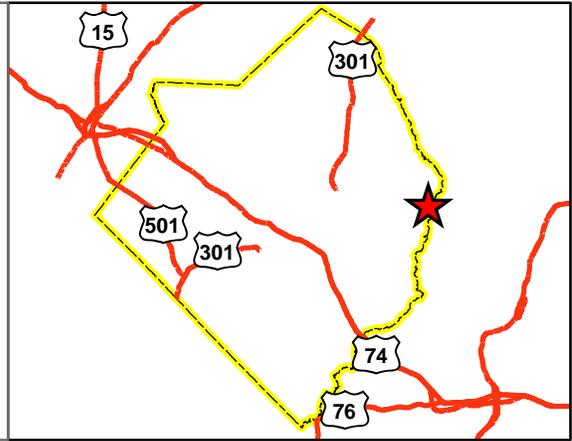
Potential Types of Access: BAA PFA Commercial Fishing Canoe/Kayak
 Park Pedestrian Transient Facility Harbor of Refuge
 Ownership Type: Federal State Local Gov. Private
 Estimated Site Value: Asking price:

SITE RECOMMENDATION

Highly Recommended Recommended Not Recommended

Explanation:

NC 41 Big Swamp Access Tract Robeson County +/- 2 Acres



 General Vicinity
NC 41 Big Swamp Access

NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis,
NC 911 Board

June 28, 2015



EXHIBIT E-5

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Brooke Massa/Kacy Cook

Date First Presented to WRC: October 30, 2014

Tract Name: Sylvia Green Tract
(PIN 842600887269)

Acreage: 30 acres

County: Richmond

Estimated Value: \$ 100,000 (staff estimate)

Property Owner or Representative: Sylvia Berry Green (owner)
c/o Joe McDonald
Wildlife Habitat Realty

Address: 2010 McDonald Church Rd.
Hoffman, NC 28347

Phone: (910) 281-5271

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, USFW Section 6 Endangered Species Grant, The Nature Conservancy, WRC funds

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Green Property is adjacent to Block A of the Sandhills Game Lands and provides access via Derby Road. The habitat is mostly fire-suppressed mixed longleaf pine (~12" dbh) and turkey oak forests. Northern pine snakes have been documented on the property and both red-cockaded woodpeckers (RCWs) and pygmy rattlesnakes are found on adjacent lands. The tract shares 1,500 feet of common boundary with Sandhills Game Lands. With management, this property can be restored to suitable habitat for RCWs and other priority longleaf pine associated species. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Acquiring the Green tract will increase the acres of land managed with prescribed fire and will help increase connectivity of existing conserved game lands within Block A of Sandhills Game Land. The property is also near Upper Drowning Creek Swamp Forest Natural Heritage Program Natural Area (NHPNA), which ranks as a 'very high' value for conservation. This parcel is within a priority area identified by the Sandhills Conservation Partnership to be of high importance for RCW recovery.

Additional Comments:

The tract borders existing game land and is easily accessed by existing game lands and a state maintained road (Derby Road).

Landowner will retain a life estate in the house and 1-2 surrounding acres. Upon her passing, family members will remove any items of interest and WRC will then address demolition of the house and out buildings.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to initial marking and maintaining 5,000 feet of property boundary @ \$135/mile and prescribe burning 30 acres @ \$30/acre. Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$ 1,028.

A Phase I Environmental Assessment has identified several issues that will need to be addressed at an estimated cost of approximately \$5,000. Plans for addressing these issues are noted in the attached memorandum. TNC is negotiating an equivalent reduction in the purchase price to offset these costs.

No short-term revenue is projected from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land (Sandhills GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Sylvia Green Tract (Richmond County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Tiger Salamander		T
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
BIRDS			
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel		
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken Turtle		SR
<i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell		
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erythrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pine Snake		SC
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC



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Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Brady Beck
NC Wildlife Resources Commission
P.O. Box 149
Hoffman, NC 28374

April 28, 2015

David Bland
The Nature Conservancy
334 Blackwell Street
Suite 300
Durham, NC 27701

RE: Green Property cleanup, Richmond County

Dear Mr. Bland,

The Wildlife Resources Commission will take responsibility for the cleanup and safe disposal of all debris on the Sylvia Green property acquisition. Commission personnel and equipment will be used to remove the single-wide trailer and small house from the property. We will accept the property in "as is" condition.

The issues that were identified in the Phase I environmental assessment include:

1. The old, dilapidated single-wide trailer contains asbestos
2. The above-ground oil storage tank appears to be leaking and appears to have contaminated the ground beneath it
3. There are five 55-gallon drums with unknown contents, at least one of which has something in it and has an oily residue on the surface
4. There are several trash piles and pits near the house. These appear to be just solid waste and no contaminants were visible on the surface

Here is how we will address these issues:

1. WRC can get a dumpster, turn it on its side, and use the bulldozer to push the single-wide trailer in. This dumpster will need to be hauled to a facility that accepts asbestos, and WRC will pay the appropriate disposal fee.
2. WRC can drain the oil tank and bring the oil to a place that will recycle it and will recycle or otherwise properly dispose of the oil tank.

- a. WRC will excavate contaminated soil below the tank and dispose of properly
 - b. TNC will pay for environmental consultant to test remaining soil to ensure all contaminated soil was removed. WRC will remove any additional soil required.
3. WRC will assess the contents of the 55 gallon drums. If the contents are simply used oil or something benign, WRC will dispose of appropriately. If the contents remains unknown or is a known hazard, TNC will contract with someone to properly dispose of the contents. TNC will cover the cost of the disposal up to \$1000, after which TNC and WRC will split the cost 50:50, if necessary.
 4. WRC will assess the piles and pits of trash and decide to haul it off, bury it on site, or live with it.

Mrs. Green will retain a life estate in the house and an acre or 2 around the house. Once she passes away, WRC will deal with demolishing the house and out buildings. We'll likely want to give family members the opportunity to clear out anything they would like first.

TNC is currently negotiating a \$5000 reduction in the purchase price to address these issues, and this savings will be passed along to WRC to help offset the costs associated with the work.

The Wildlife Resources Commission greatly appreciates The Nature Conservancy's hard work on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brady Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brady Beck
Southern Piedmont Management Biologist

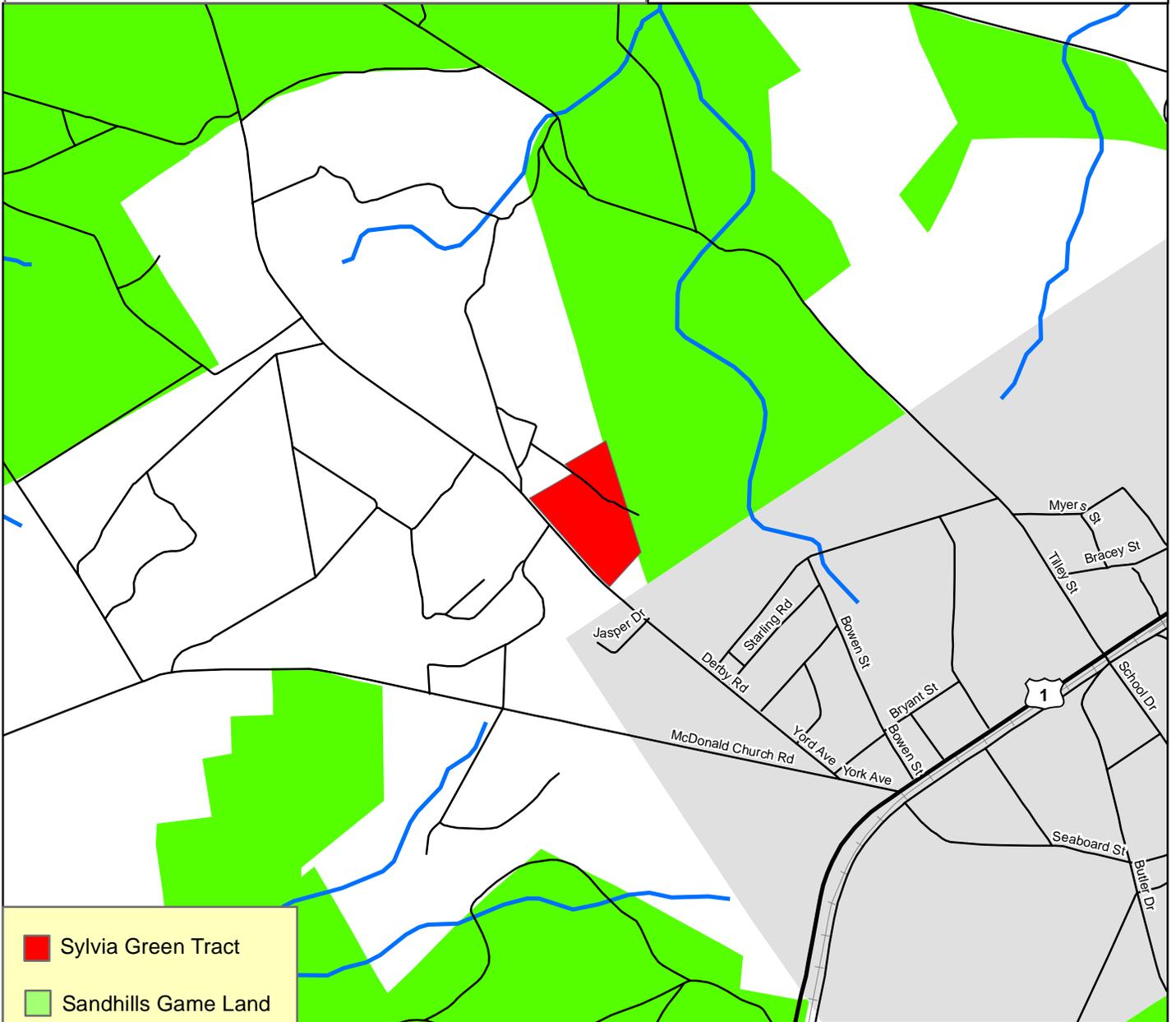
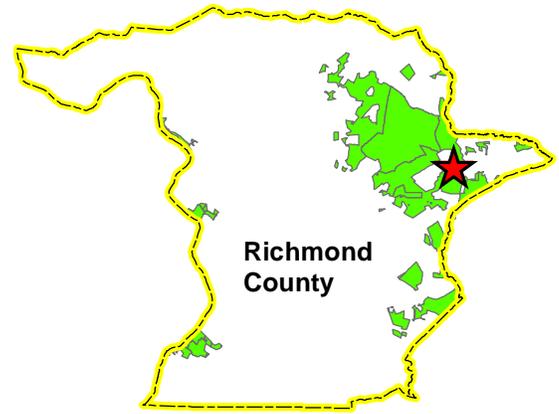
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Sandhills GL) Sylvia Green Tract (Richmond County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

Sylvia Green Tract Sandhills Game Land Richmond County 30 Acres



October 10, 2014

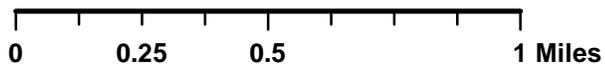


EXHIBIT E-6

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: June 16, 2015

Tract Name: Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract

Acreage: 114

County: Craven

Parcel ID No: 6-203-029

Estimated Value: \$ 456,000 plus timber value; Weyerhaeuser will not provide a firm asking price, but has indicated they will entertain an offer that is reflective of highest and best use (\$4,000 for land + timber value). Tract value may be reduced if Weyerhaeuser harvests the timber prior to acquisition.

Property Owner or Representative: Weyerhaeuser Company
c/o Alissa Cale, Land Adjustment Program Manager

Phone: (C) 252-943-8407 (O) 252-791-3215 (F) 252-791-3264

Address: PO Box 787, Plymouth, NC 27962

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: NHTF CWMTF OTHER (explain): PR Funds with State Match

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Property adjoins Croatan National Forest Game Land and shares approximately 1.0 miles of common boundary. The tract is completely forested and consists of approximately 93 acres of upland pine and mixed pine hardwoods and 21 acres of forested wetlands. The tract borders a main power transmission corridor to the east. According to Weyerhaeuser Company personnel, the tract is scheduled for timber harvest (clearcut) between June 30 and December 31, 2015. Red-cockaded woodpecker clusters are located north and south of the tract on Croatan NF. All clusters are greater than 0.25 miles from the proposed range site. An informal consultation has been held with the USFS and USFWS to discuss the potential of constructing a target shooting range on the property. Based on input from that meeting, no negative impacts were identified. The construction of a range site could have positive benefits to this species because currently there are problems with target

shooting of RCW trees. If this site is acquired and developed as a shooting range, target shooting will be limited to the range and prohibited elsewhere on Croatan Game Land. This will also reduce damage to signs used as targets, littering, and safety hazards associated with indiscriminate target shooting. The site contains approximately 21 acres of wetlands, and range design and subsequent construction will recognize these site limitations.

Access to the site is via an internal USFS gravel road. Public access to the site is good and will utilize the USFS road system.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species; however the habitat and species value of this site will be greatly diminished due to the construction required and subsequent operation of the range. However, there will be some peripheral benefits to reptiles, amphibians, Neotropical migrants, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, small game, and furbearers.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract's Biodiversity index has an estimated averaged score of 6 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). All 114 acres (100%) of the tract scored a 6. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

Additional Comments: The USFS is very supportive of this range. Once constructed and operational, the range will assist the USFS in addressing destructive and hazardous target shooting that is occurring on the National Forest.

Program Potential: Game Land (Croatan) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Note: The shooting range will be managed as part of Croatan Game Land and regulated by game land rules.

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman Robertson (PR) Land Acquisition Grant, PR Range Construction Grant and PR Range Maintenance Grant (75% federal: 25% state).

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

14 of 15 that apply

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area) Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Site

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>N/A</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>N/A</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>N/A</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>14 of 15</u></u>

Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract-Craven County

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Boundary Establishment – yr. 1	2.0	mi	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,900.00
Boundary Maintenance – yr. 1	2.0	mi	\$ 950.00	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
			Total	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>

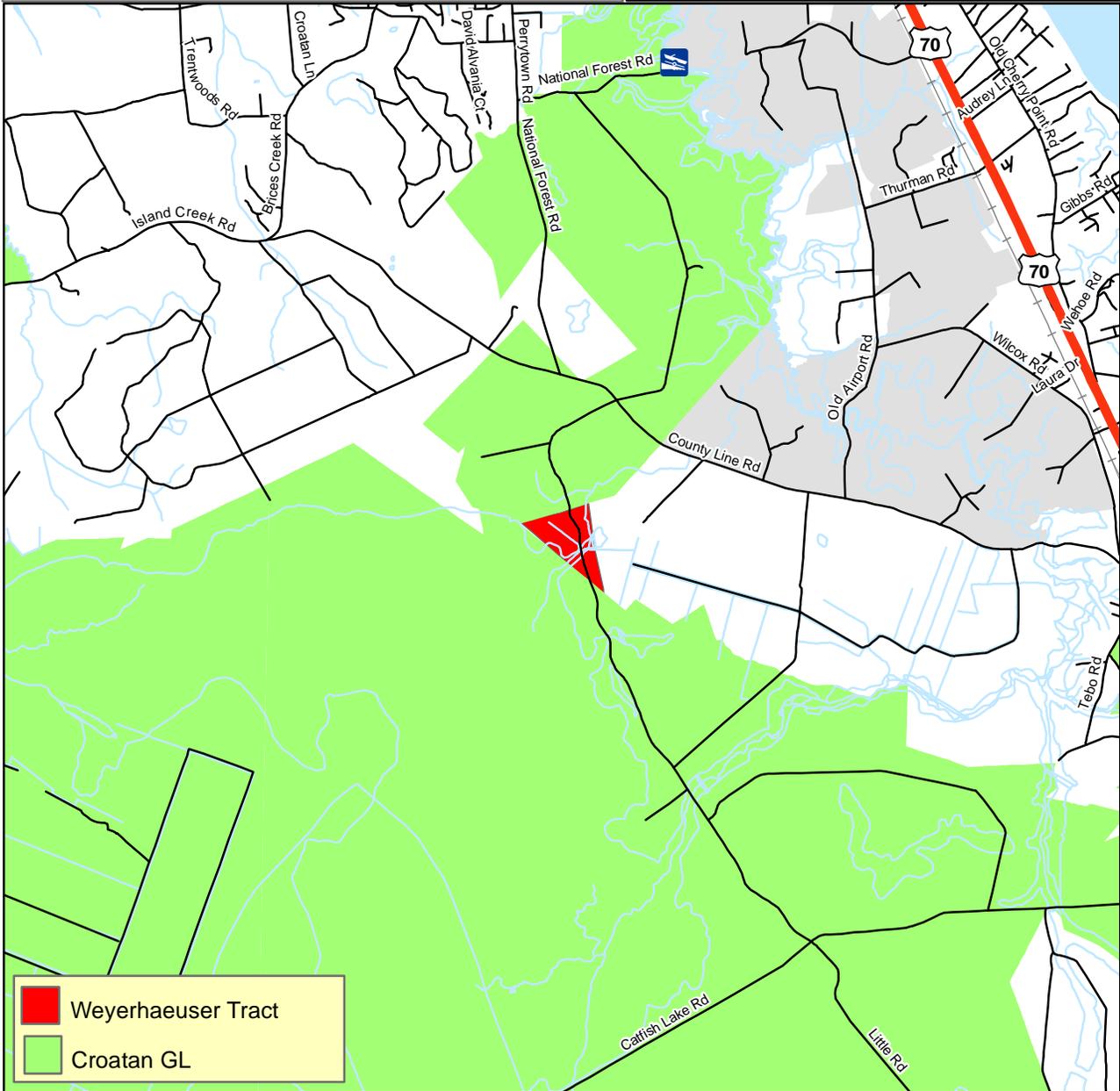
5-Year Anticipated Revenue

	Value	Total
None- Timber is scheduled to be harvest by Weyerhaeuser between June 30- December 31, 2015	NA	NA

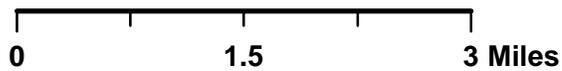
Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract (Craven County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Necturus lewisi</i>	Neuse River Waterdog		SC
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog		SR
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
BIRDS			
<i>Anas discors</i>	Blue-winged Teal		
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret		SC
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle		T
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
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REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken Turtle		SR
<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>	Diamondback Terrapin		SC
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle		
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American Alligator	SAT	T
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>	Mimic Glass Lizard		SC
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erythrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake		SR
<i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>	Pine Woods Snake		
<i>Seminatrix pygaea</i>	Black Swamp Snake		SR
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC

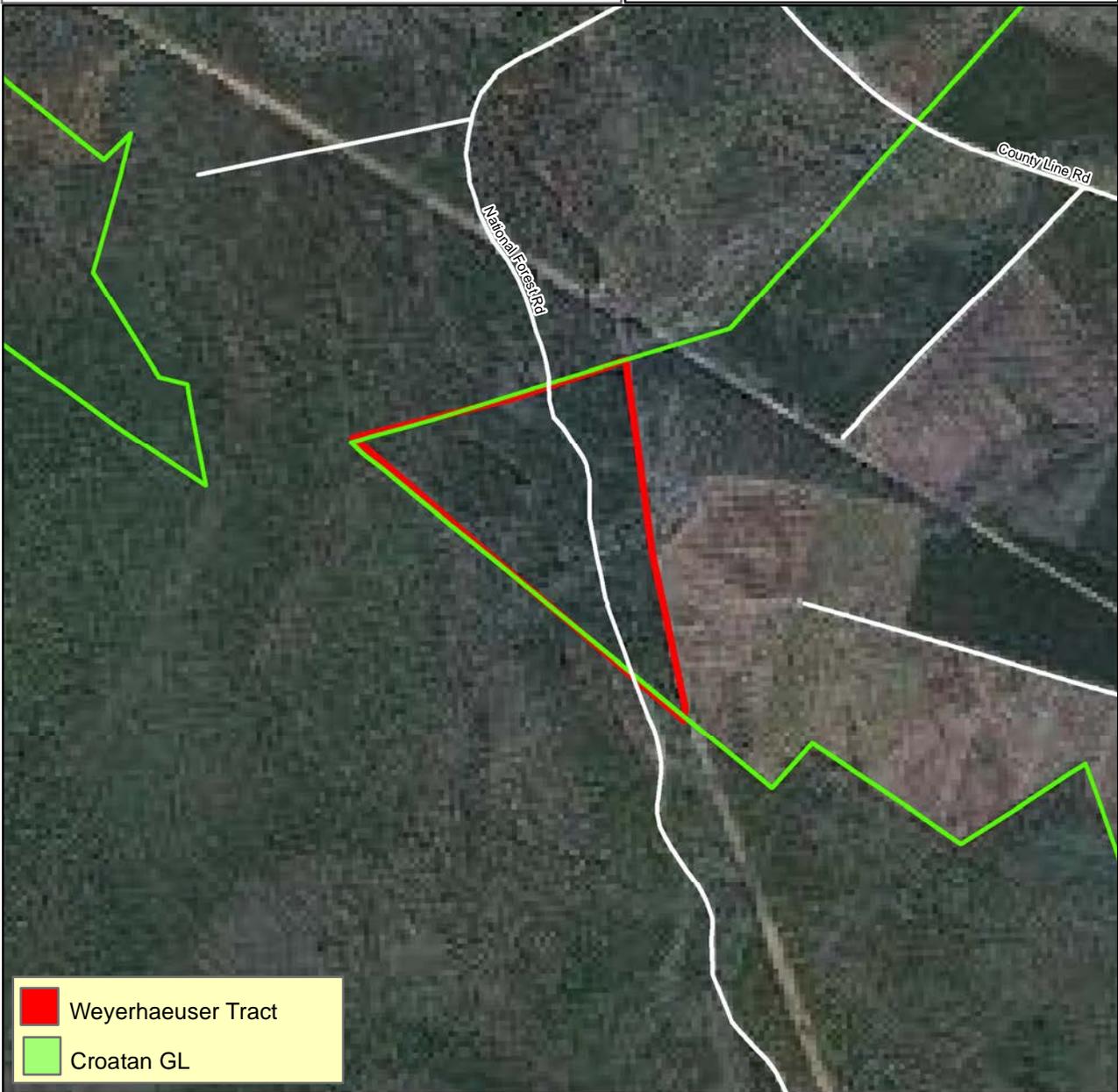
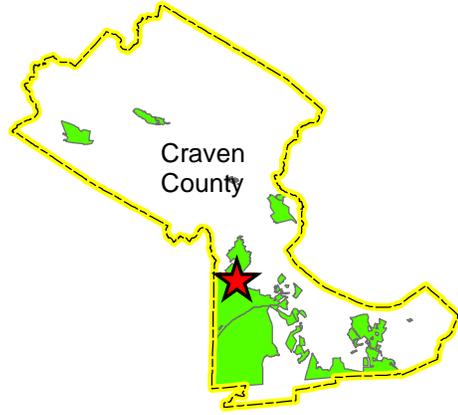
Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract Croatan GL - Craven Co 114 Acres



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**Weyerhaeuser
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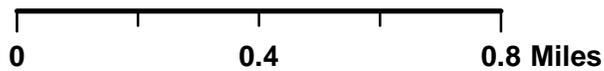


EXHIBIT E-7

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Kacey Cook, Brooke Massa, Chris Jordan

Date First Presented to WRC: March 5, 2015

Tract Name: Womble Tract
(PIN 020319 01065; 020318 01001)

Acreage: 135 acres

County: Scotland

Estimated Value: \$ 160,000 (staff estimate).

Property Owner or Representative: Patricia Womble (owner)

Address: PO Box 1190
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Owner's Agent: American Forest Management
c/o Kirk Richardson

Phone: (910) 426-2734 Office
(910) 309-6790 Mobile

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, The Nature Conservancy, WRC funds

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Marston Road/Womble property is comprised of planted longleaf pine and naturally regenerated longleaf pine and turkey oak. The property contains a small drain, a portion of Gum Swamp Creek, and a small wetland. The property shares 5,258 feet of common boundary with Block C of Sandhills Game Land, which is a Natural Heritage Program Natural Area (NHPNA) of 'very high' value. This NHPNA has multiple rare species, including red cockaded woodpeckers, Bachman's sparrows, southern hog-nose snakes, pygmy rattlesnakes, and numerous rare plants. Acquiring this property will provide additional habitat for these and other priority species. There is an active red-cockaded woodpecker cluster on adjacent game land and the foraging habitat of this cluster includes the Womble tract.

Acquisition will also enhance ability of staff to continue managing with prescribed fire by providing additional buffer to existing ownership. With appropriate management, the Womble tract can be restored to an open canopy longleaf pine forest that is suitable for priority longleaf pine associated species. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Additional Comments:

Tract has good public access via Marston Road (state-maintained).

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to initial marking and maintaining approximately 2 miles of property boundary @ \$135/mile and prescribed burning 100 acres @ \$10/acre. Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$1,270.

No short-term revenue is projected from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land (Sandhills GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

30 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Womble Tract (Scotland County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Tiger Salamander		T
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog		SR
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
<i>Rana heckscheri</i>	River Frog		SC
BIRDS			
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Mississippi Kite		
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel		
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis		SC
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken Turtle		SR
<i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell		
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>	Mimic Glass Lizard		SC
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erythrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pine Snake		SC
<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake		SR
<i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>	Pine Woods Snake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake		E
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC

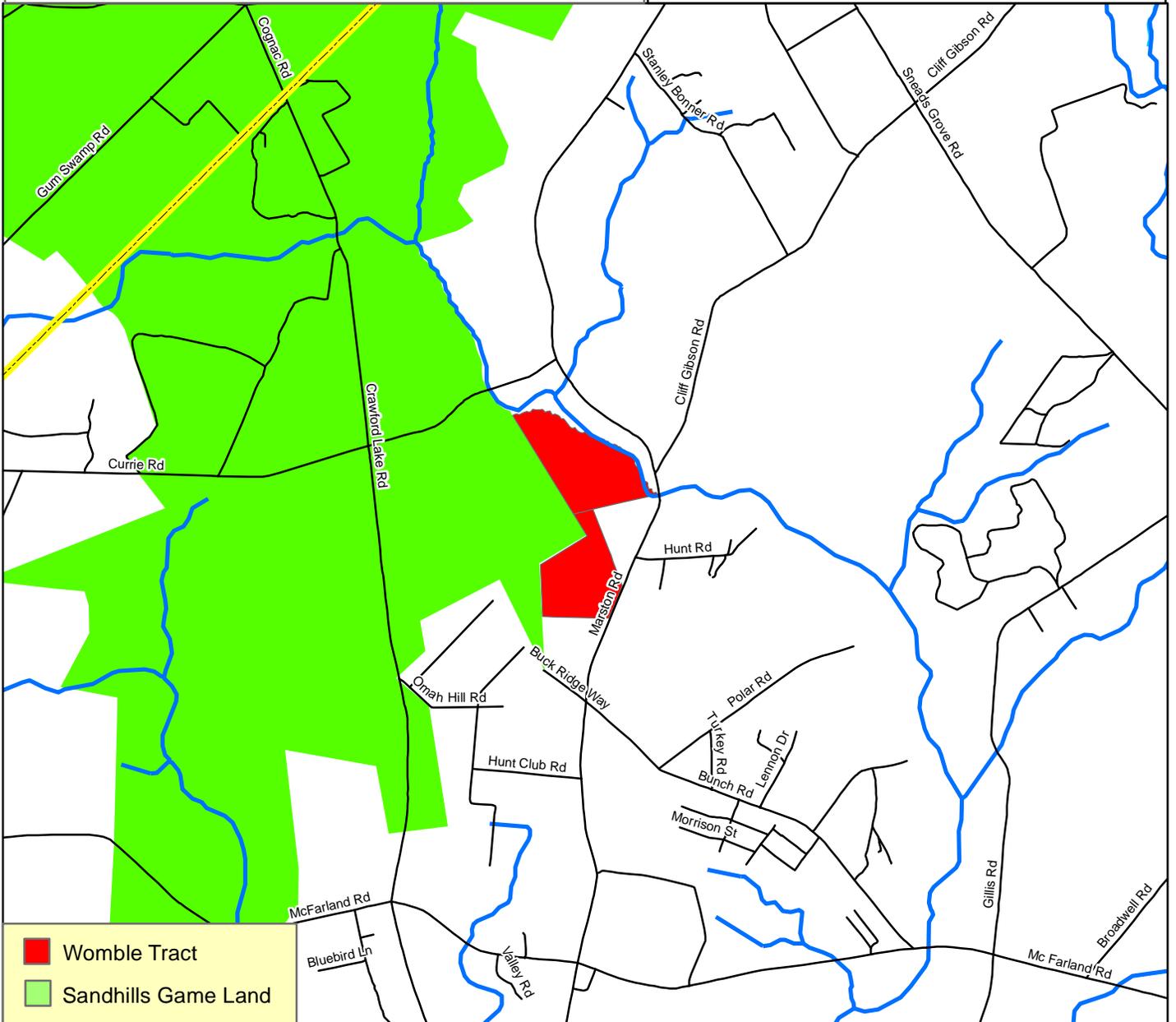
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Sandhills GL) Womble Tract (Scotland County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

Womble Tract Sandhills Game Land Scotland County 135 Acres



- Womble Tract
- Sandhills Game Land

February 8, 2015

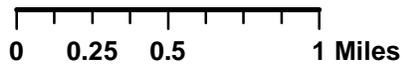


EXHIBIT F-1

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): July 16, 2015

Tract: Billups Tract; Bladen , 31 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Accept donation of the property from The Nature Conservancy

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Date of Appraisal: NA

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$564
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	\$0

Additional Comments: NA

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: July 16, 2015

Tract Name: Billups Tract

Parcel ID Number: 132700298322

Acreage: 31

County: Bladen

Estimated Value: Donation by The Nature Conservancy

Property Owner or Representative: The Nature Conservancy c/o Hervey McIver

Phone: (O) 919-794-4396 (C) 919-618-7886

Address: 334 Blackwell Street, Ste. 300, Durham, NC 27701

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF OTHER (explain): Donation

The Nature Conservancy has purchased this property with in-house funds. If the WRC approves this tract for acquisition, it will be transferred to the WRC and be added to Suggs Mill Pond Game Land.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): This property consists of lowland natural regenerated hardwoods consisting of oaks, cypress, gum, and loblolly pine along Turnbull Creek in Bladen County. The site was clearcut approximately 15 years ago and has been allowed to naturally regenerate. Acquisition of this tract would protect approximately 4,000 feet of riparian buffer along Turnbull Creek. The floodplain forest habitat on this tract provides habitat for eight (8) NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority wildlife species that have a North Carolina status of threatened, significantly rare, or special concern. Additionally, this tract will provide habitat for other wildlife including waterfowl, reptiles, amphibians, neotropical migratory birds, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, small game, and furbearers.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Billups' Tract Biodiversity index has an estimated average score of 6 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). Approximately 95% of the tract scored 6. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity. Areas that support this level of species richness should be targeted for protection.

Additional Comments: Five year stewardship expenditures are limited to the establishment and maintenance of boundary lines estimated at approximately \$575

Program Potential: Game Land (Suggs Mill Pond) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Suggs Mill Pond GL) Billups Tract (Bladen County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

Billups Tract-Bladen County

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

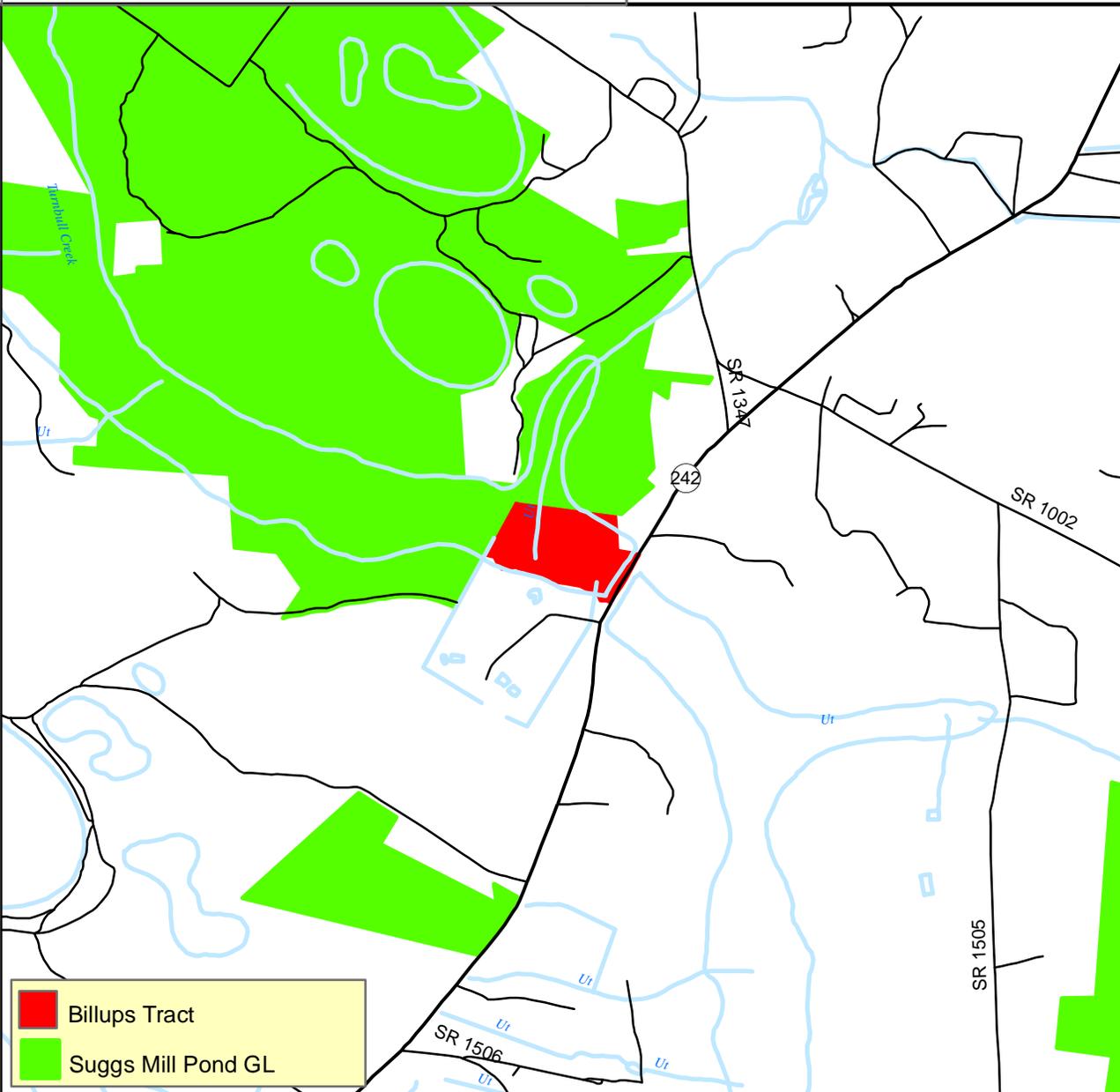
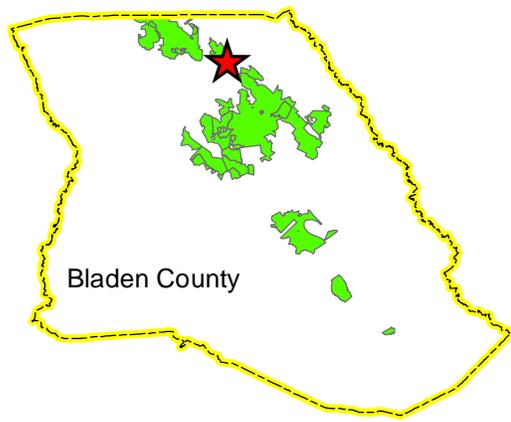
Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Boundary Removal – yr 1	0.50	mi	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Boundary Establishment – yr 1	0.75	mi	\$ 550.00	\$ 412.50
Boundary Maintenance – yr 4	0.75	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 101.25
			Total	\$ 563.75

5-Year Anticipated Revenue **Total** **\$ 0.00**

Billups Tract - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Habitats & Species

		HABITAT	
		Floodplain Forest	State Status (Federal Status)
SPECIES	BIRDS		
	Anhinga	X	SR
	Chimney Swift	X	
	Eastern Wood-pewee	X	
	Hairy Woodpecker	X	
	Hooded Warbler	X	
	Mississippi Kite	X	SR
	Red-headed Woodpecker	X	
	Swainson's Warbler	X	
	Wood Thrush	X	
	Worm-eating Warbler	X	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X	
	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	X	
	MAMMALS		
	Cotton Mouse	X	
	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	X	T
	Star-nosed Mole	X	SC
	AMPHIBIANS		
	Dwarf Salamander	X	SC
	Eastern Spadefoot	X	
	Four-toed Salamander	X	SC
	Mabee's Salamander	X	SR
	Marbled Salamander	X	
	Southern Dusky Salamander	X	
	REPTILES		
	Broad-headed Skink	X	
	Common Ribbonsnake	X	
	Corn Snake	X	
	Eastern Box Turtle	X	
	Eastern Kingsnake	X	
	Spotted Turtle	X	
	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	X	SC

**Billups Tract
Suggs Mill Pond GL
Bladen County
31 Acres**



	Billups Tract
	Suggs Mill Pond GL

June 23, 2015

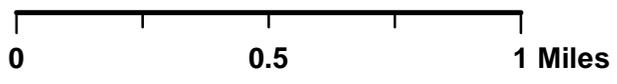


EXHIBIT F-2

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): July 16, 2015

Tract: Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts; Pender County 112 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Accept donations of property from Landfall Associates and Mayfaire Development Group

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Date of Appraisal: NA

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$1,793
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	\$0

Additional Comments: NA

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Isaac Harrold, Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: The 100 acre parcel was originally presented and approved as a donation on July 16, 2003 but the transaction was never completed.

Tract Name: Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts

Acreage: 112

Parcel ID No: PIN:	3365-80-6735-0000	+/- 100 acres	Landfall Associates
	3365-71-1607-0000	10.96 acres	Mayfaire Development Group
	3365-71-1256-0000	1.0 acres	Mayfaire Development Group

County: Pender County

Estimated Value: NA – tracts are offered as donations.

Property Owner or Representative:

Landfall Associates
c/o Joe Taylor
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28402
Phone: (910) 763-2426 Ext 132
Email: JTaylor@murchisontaylor.com

Mayfaire Development Group
c/o Jerry Eatman
Lynch and Eatman, LLP Suite 100 GlenLake 6
4130 Parklake Ave., Raleigh, NC 27612-4463
Phone: (919) 571-9714
jeatman@lyncheatman.com

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF
 OTHER (explain): Donation

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Landfall-Mayfaire tracts involve three contiguous parcels totaling 112 acres. These tracts represent restoration required to satisfy mitigation requirements for the placement of fill material into jurisdictional wetlands associated with the Landfall and Mayfaire Development Projects. Restoration on sites involved contouring the landscape, re-establishing hydrologic function and establishing hardwood forest habitats.

The tracts share 4,000 feet of common boundary with the existing Angola Bay Game Land. Common game species include deer, bear, turkey and various furbearers. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Additional Comments: Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to establishing 2.5 miles of new boundary line (\$1,375), removing 0.8 miles of existing interior boundary line (\$80) and maintaining 2.5 miles (\$338). Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$1,793.

No revenue will be generated from these tracts.

Program Potential: Game Land (Angola Bay) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal-state match rates):

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Angola Bay GL) Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts (Pender County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

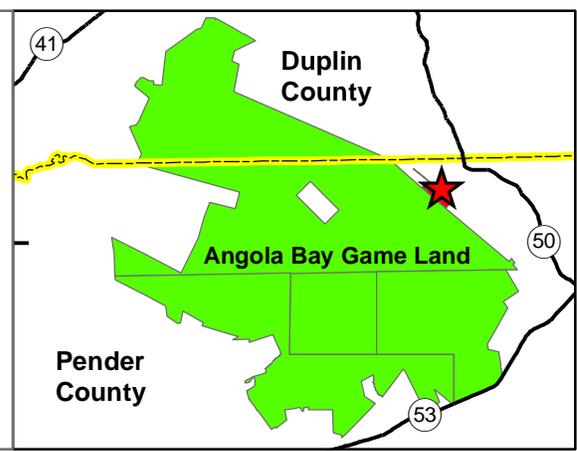
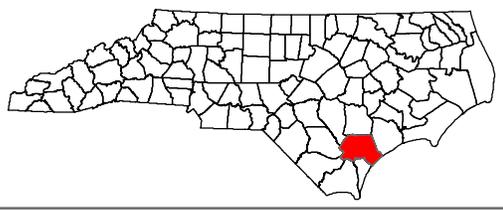
STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Landfall- Mayfaire Tracts	Boundary Establishment	2.5	mi.	\$550.00	\$1,375.00
	Boundary Removal	0.8	mi.	\$100.00	\$80.00
	Boundary Maintenance	2.5	mi.	\$135.00	337.50
	Total				\$1,792.50

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Landfall- Mayfaire Tracts					\$ -
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Total				\$ -

Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts (Pender County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog		SR
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
BIRDS			
<i>Anas discors</i>	Blue-winged Teal		
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle		T
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis		SC
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		W1
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken Turtle		SR
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle		
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American Alligator	SAT	T
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>	Mimic Glass Lizard		SC
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erytrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake		SR
<i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>	Pine Woods Snake		
<i>Seminatrix pygaea</i>	Black Swamp Snake		SR
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC

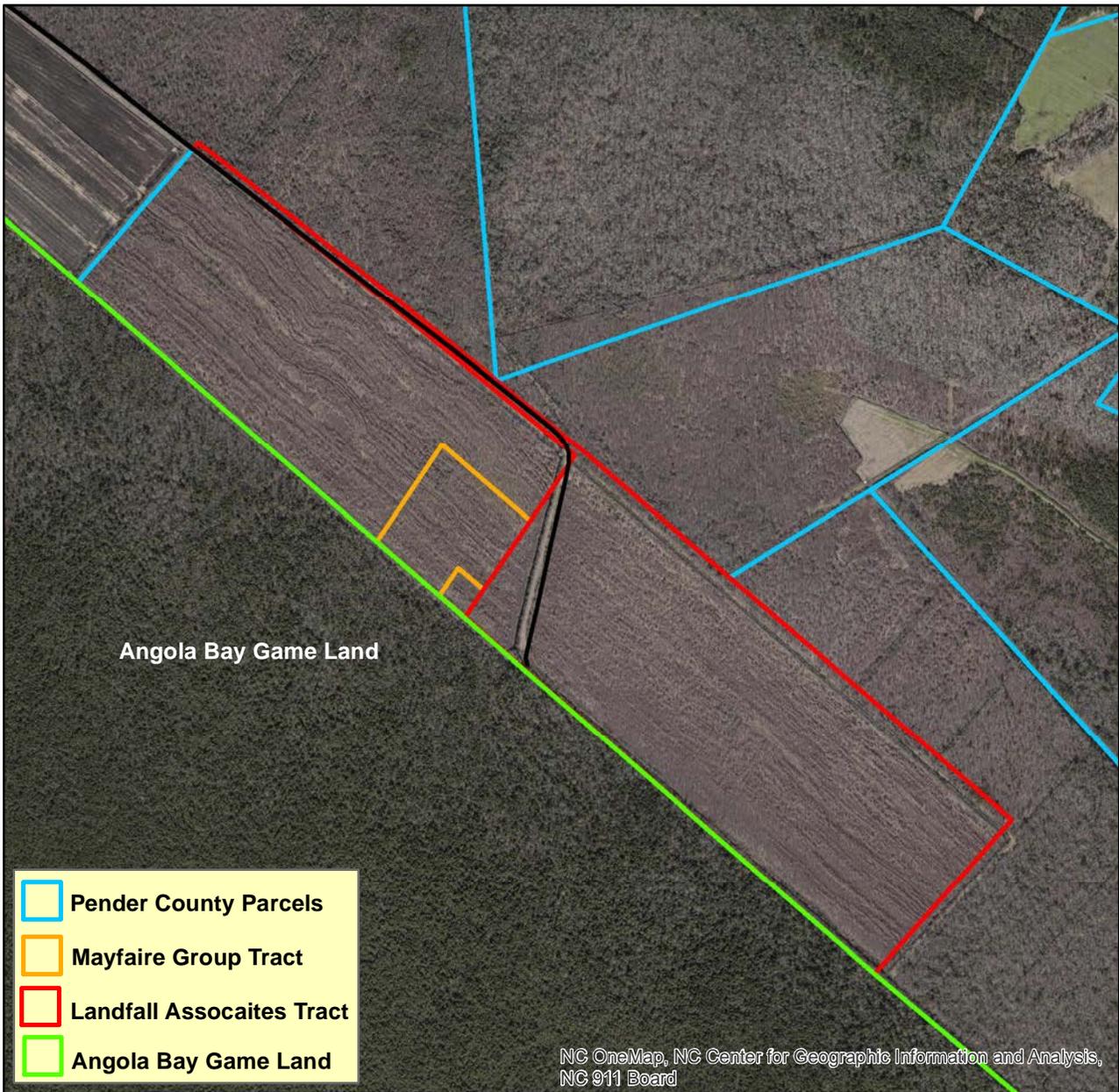
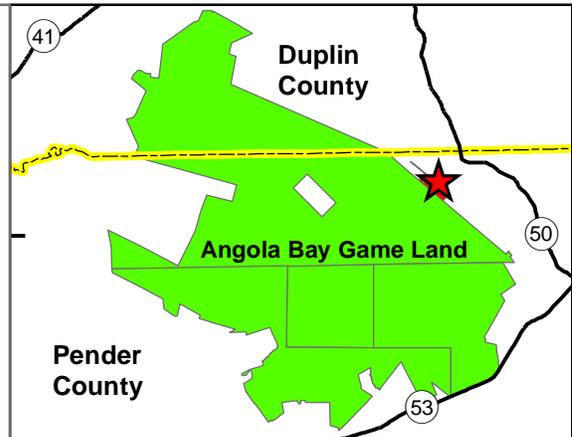
**Landfall-Mayfaire Tract
Angola Bay GL
Pender County
112 Acres**



June 18, 2015



**Landfall-Mayfaire Tract
Angola Bay GL
Pender County
112 Acres**



-  Pender County Parcels
-  Mayfaire Group Tract
-  Landfall Associates Tract
-  Angola Bay Game Land

NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis,
NC 911 Board

June 18, 2015



EXHIBIT F-3

July 16, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): January 29, 2015

Tract: Max Lake Tract; Richmond County, 0.8 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Wildlife Resources Commission Funds \$ 120,820

Total Cost: \$ 120,820

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Keith McDonald	April 30, 2015	\$ 120,000

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Dingell-Johnson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	2,000
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	NA

Additional Comments: This is an inholding within an operating WRC facility.

A home inspection was completed on June 11, 2015 for the existing residence on the property and costs to bring up to WRC standards would exceed cost of replacement. If tract is not pursued, a new residence would be pursued on another location on-site. Estimate for new residence is \$150,000.

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Max Lake Tract	General maintenance for new residence	5	Yr.	\$400	\$2,000.00
Total					\$2,000.00
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Max Lake Tract					\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Kyle Briggs

Date First Presented to WRC: January 29, 2015

Tract Name: Max Lake Tract (Inholding)
(PIN 841500283192)

Acreage: +/- 0.80 Acre

County: Richmond

Estimated Value: \$ 63,554 (Richmond County Property Card)

Property Owner or Representative: Max Lake (owner)

Phone: (336) 498-5417
(336) 847-7541 Mobile

Address: 8239 US Hwy 220 Business N., Randleman, NC 27317

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF
 OTHER (explain): WRC funds

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Approximately 0.80 acre including one residence at the McKinney Lake State Fish Hatchery. This location is a private inholding within the boundary of the newly acquired hatchery property.

Additional Comments: The Commission is currently renting the property to provide housing for hatchery staff required to be located onsite for the security of hatchery fish and property.

No additional five-year stewardship expenditures or revenue are anticipated. Acquisition will eliminate current lease and will result in long-term savings.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None
 Other: McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Sport Fish Restoration Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

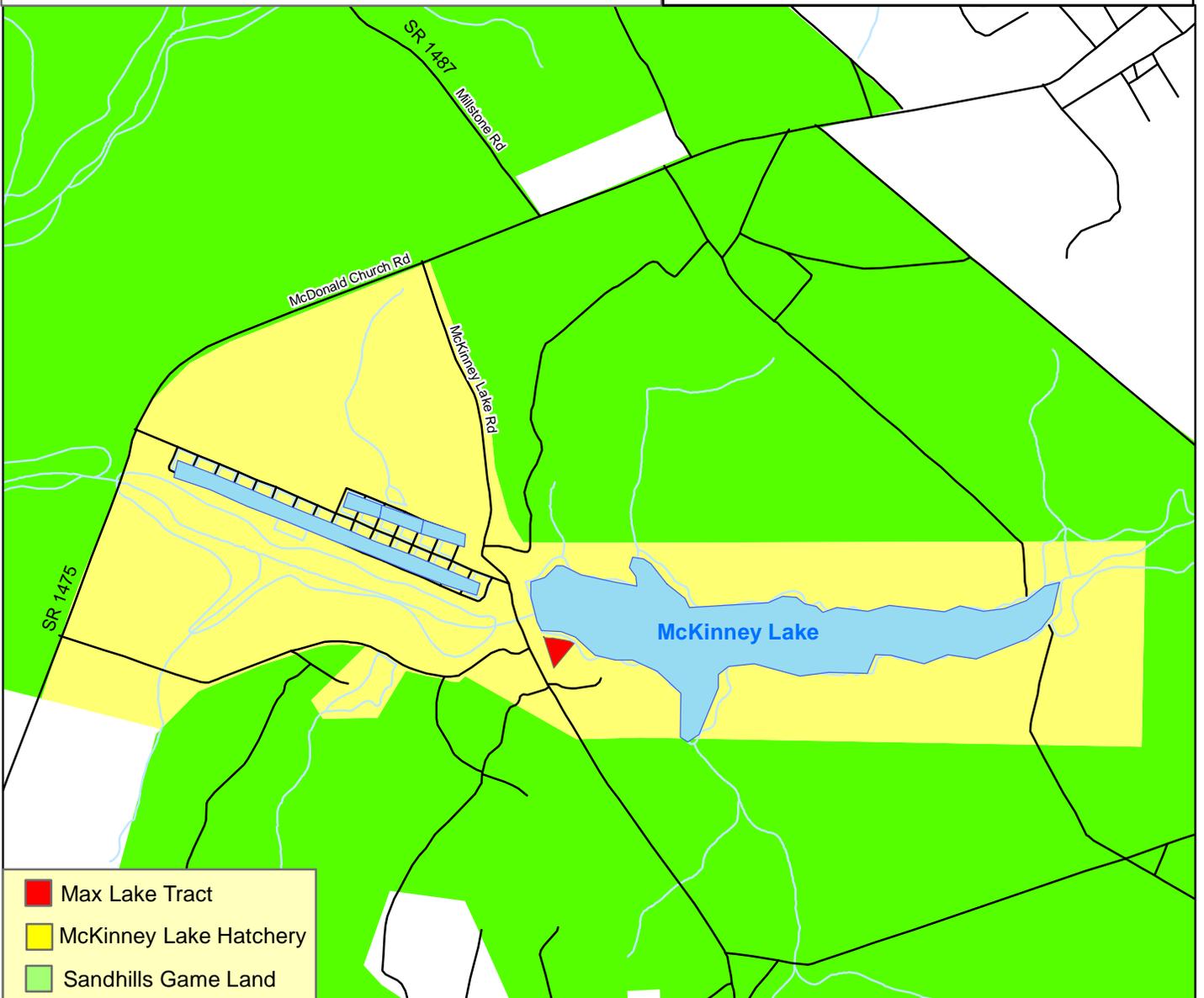
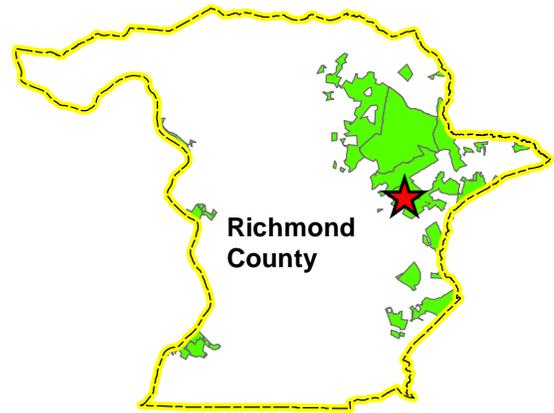
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (McKinney Lake Hatchery) Max Lake Tract (Richmond County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>NA</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>NA</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>NA</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>NA</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>10 of 10 that apply</u></u>

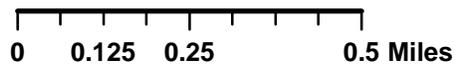
OVERVIEW MAP

**Max Lake Tract (0.8 Acres)
McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery
Richmond County**



- Max Lake Tract
- McKinney Lake Hatchery
- Sandhills Game Land

January 10, 2015



SITE MAP

**Max LakeTract (0.8 Acres)
McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery
Richmond County**



 Max Lake Tract

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January 10, 2015

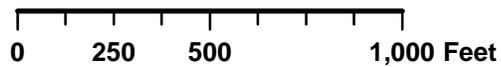


EXHIBIT G

July 16, 2015



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

June 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager

SUBJECT: Marshall Duckworth Access Easement Request
Johns River Game Land – Burke County

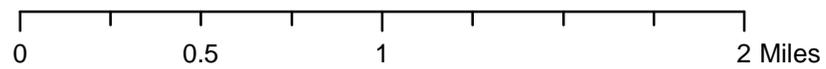
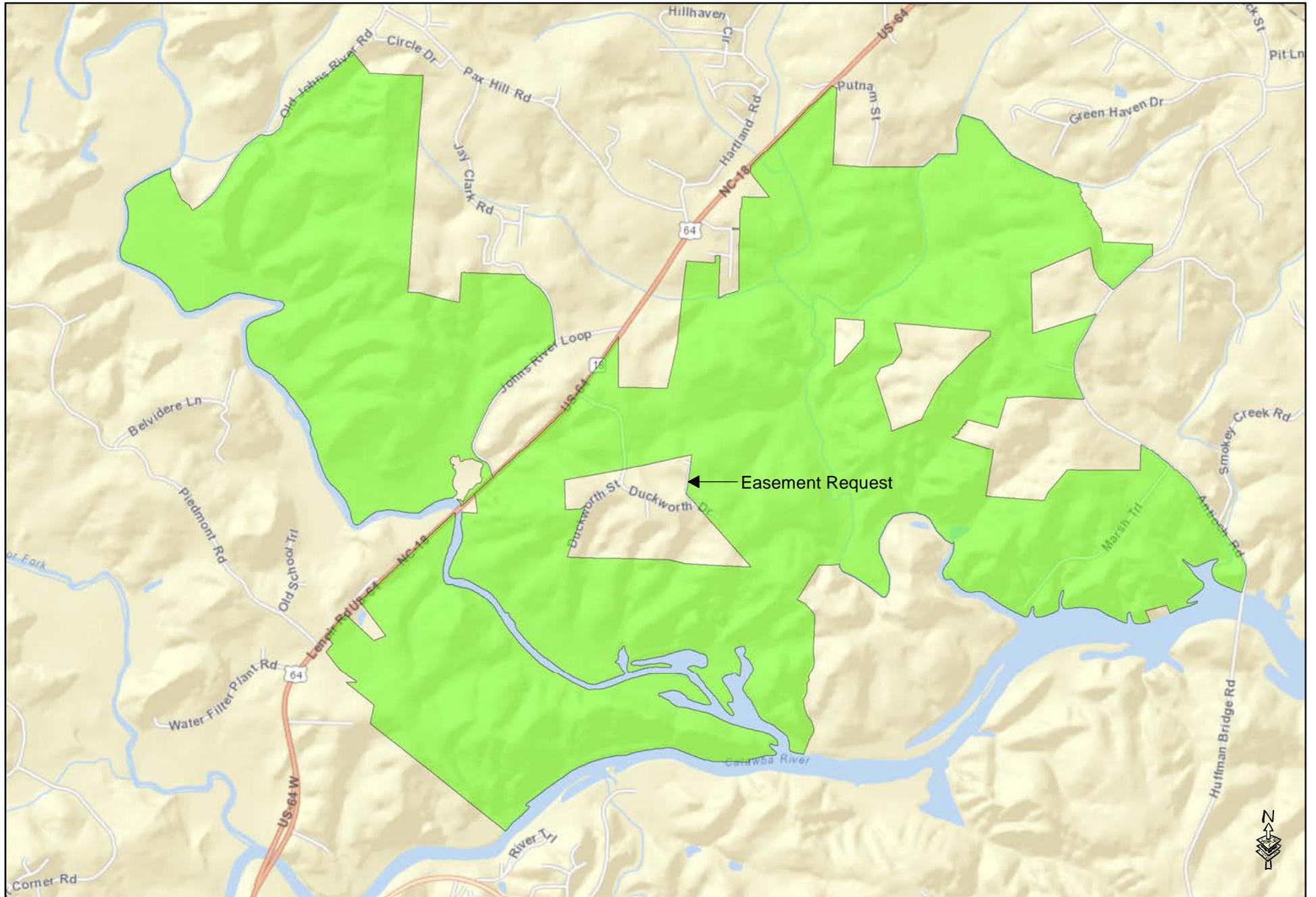
The access to two properties owned by Mr. Marshall Duckworth is located at the end of Duckworth Drive (SR 1504) and crosses just inside the boundary of Johns River Game Land for approximately 300 feet before it enters Mr. Duckworth's property. The gravel drive, which is approximately 10 feet in width, was in place prior to state ownership and has been used for many years without a recorded easement.

Mr. Duckworth is concerned that if he or his heirs should ever desire to sell their property, they will be unable to do so without a legal easement. As such, Mr. Duckworth is seeking to establish a legal easement across state property approximating the footprint of the existing road. Based on no anticipated negative impacts and the absence of other reasonable alternatives, staff recommends seeking WRC approval to grant the easement without compensation provided that: 1) WRC bear no associated expense, 2) the easement serve no commercial purpose, 3) the easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided, and 4) the easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land.

A 15 foot X 300 foot easement totals approximately 0.1 acres.

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ROW Easement Request, Johns River Game Land



ROW Easement Request, Johns River Game Land



EXHIBIT H

July 16, 2015



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June 29, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager

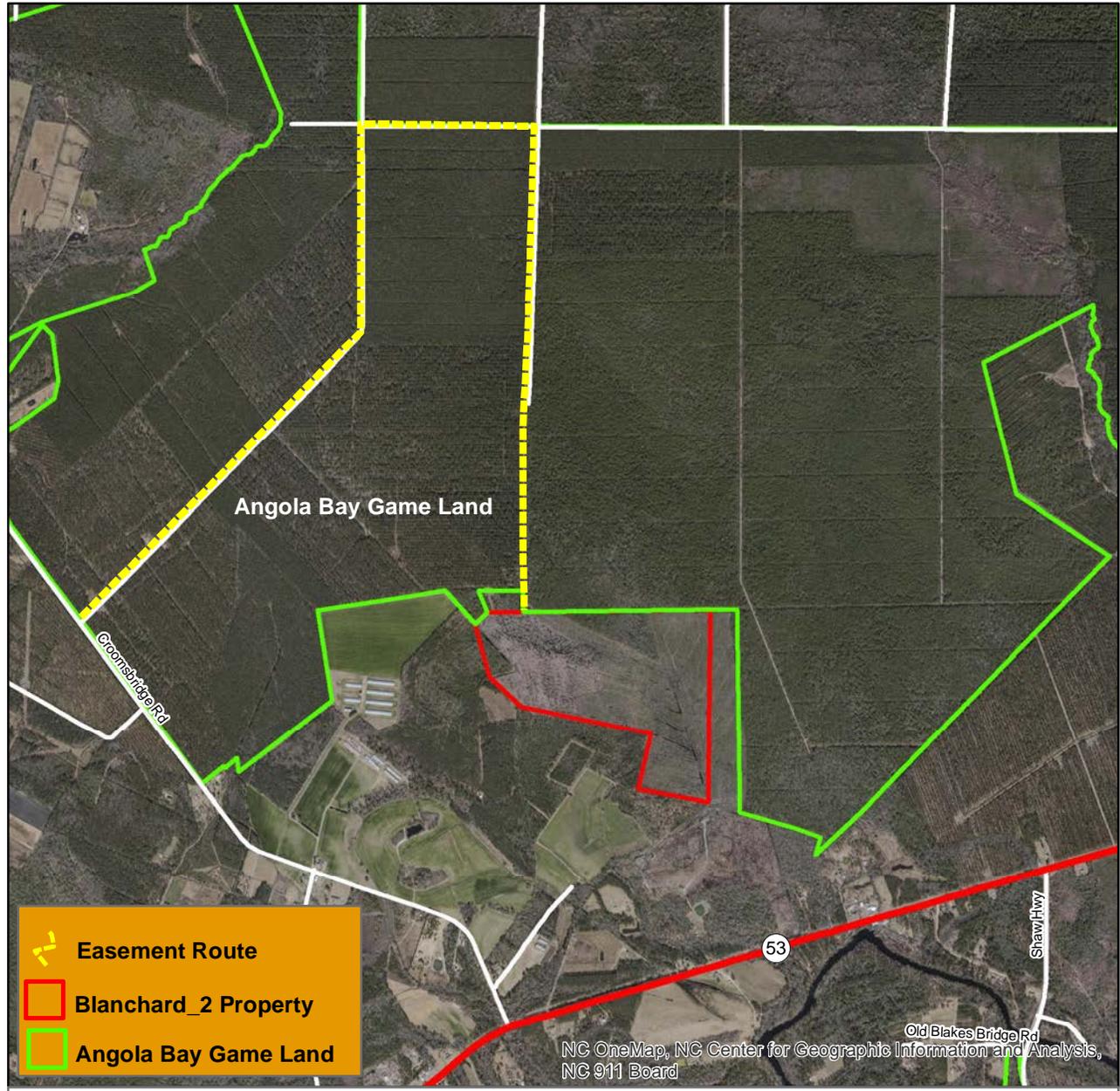
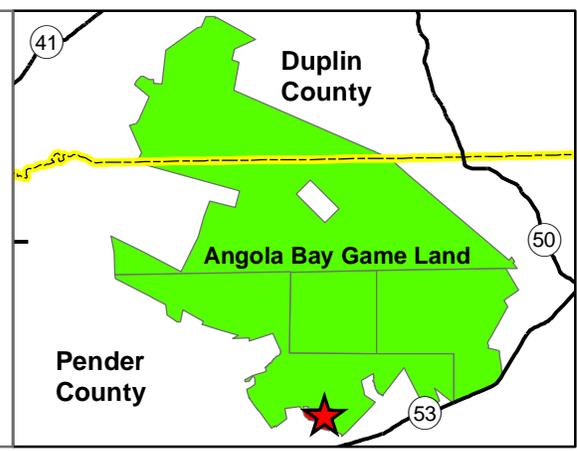
SUBJECT: Norwood Blanchard_2 Easement Request
Angola Bay Game Land – Pender County

Mr. Norwood Blanchard owns a 147 acre property (Parcel 3352-31-4740-0000) adjacent to Angola Bay Game Land in Pender County which currently has no deeded access. The current access is by traveling an existing game land road (John Bishop Road) from SR 1318 (Crooms Bridge Road) a distance of approximately 3.6 miles. A 30 foot X 3.6 mile easement totals approximately 13 acres.

Mr. Blanchard is seeking to memorialize the current access route across game land. Based on the landlocked nature of Mr. Blanchard's property and the absence of other alternatives, I recommend seeking WRC approval to grant the easement without compensation provided that: 1) WRC bears no associated expense, 2) the easement serves no commercial purpose, 3) the easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided, and 4) the easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land.

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Norwood Blanchard_2 Easement Request Angola Bay GL Pender County



- Easement Route
- Blanchard_2 Property
- Angola Bay Game Land

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NC 911 Board

June 29, 2015

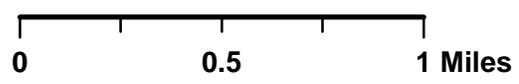


EXHIBIT I

July 16, 2015



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

June 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Carolina Investment Group (Judy Rubin) Access Easement Request
Pond Mountain Game Land – Ashe County

Carolina Investment Group, represented by Ms. Judy Rubin, owns a 41 acre property (Parcel 08068-007) adjacent to Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County. Access to the tract is west from Whenlin Ridge Road (SR 1359) along an existing road across the Johnston-Shumate, LLC tract (Parcel 08068-011) for a distance of approx. 2,300 feet, and then along an existing road across state property for a distance of approx. 1,300 feet.

Ms. Rubin indicates that she has a recorded easement across the interim private property, but she does not have deeded access across the state-owned portion of the route. She is seeking to establish a legal easement across state property approximating the footprint of the existing road. Based on the landlocked nature of Ms. Rubin's property and the absence of other reasonable alternatives, staff recommends seeking WRC approval to grant the easement without compensation provided that: 1) WRC bear no associated expense, 2) the easement serve no commercial purpose, 3) the easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided, and 4) the easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land.

A 15 foot X 1,300 foot easement totals approximately 0.4 acres.

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Rubin ROW Easement Request, Pond Mtn. Game Land, Ashe Co.

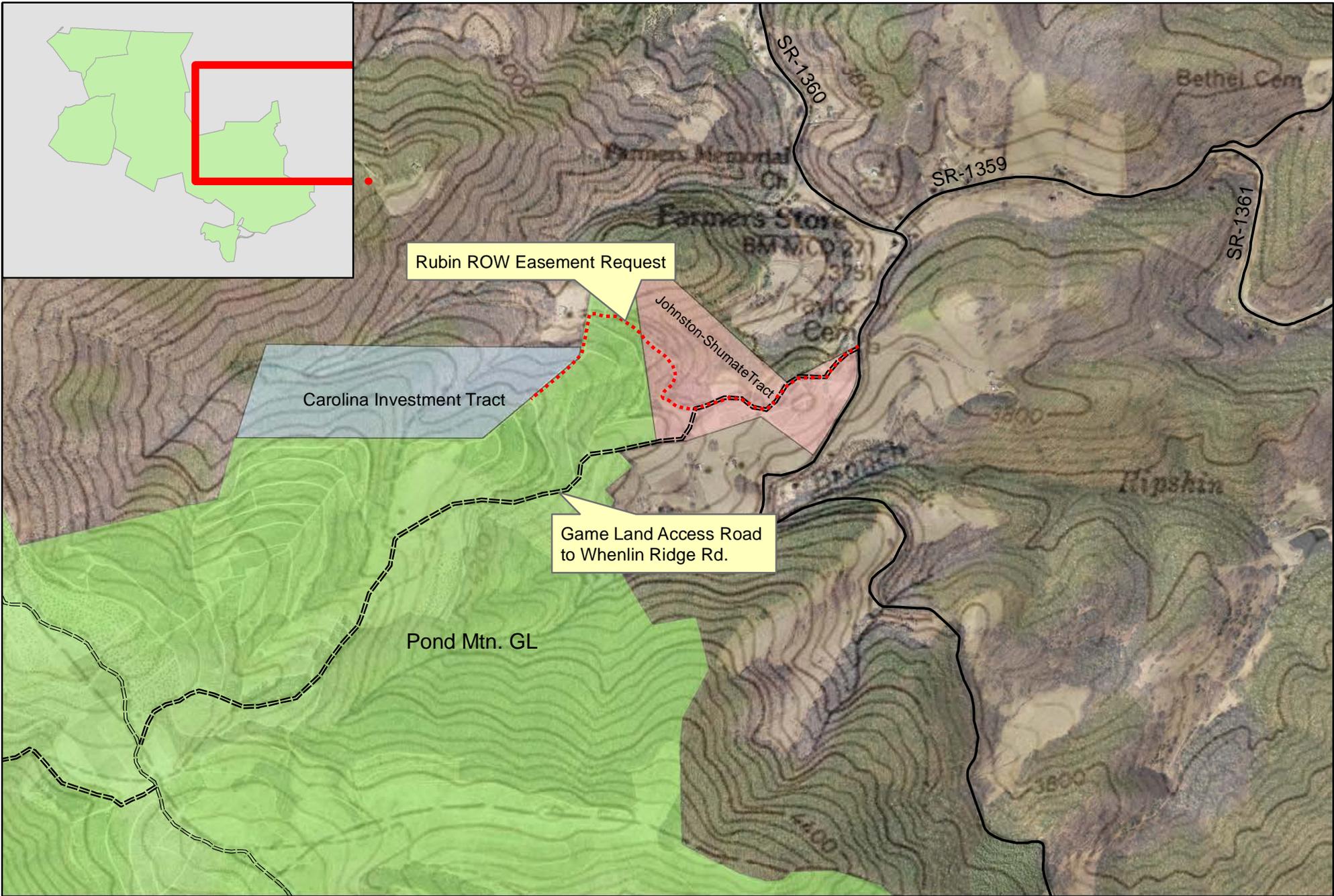


EXHIBIT J

July 16, 2015



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

June 26, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager

SUBJECT: DOT Permanent & Temporary Easement Request
Brinkleyville Game Land – Halifax County
Project B-4761: Bridge No. 29 over Little Fishing Creek on NC 561

NC Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested temporary and permanent easements on a portion of Brinkleyville Game Land to facilitate improvements to Bridge 29 over Little Fishing Creek on NC 561 in Halifax County.

DOT has identified the need for permanent rights-of-way containing 1.562 acres and temporary construction easement totaling 0.102 acres.

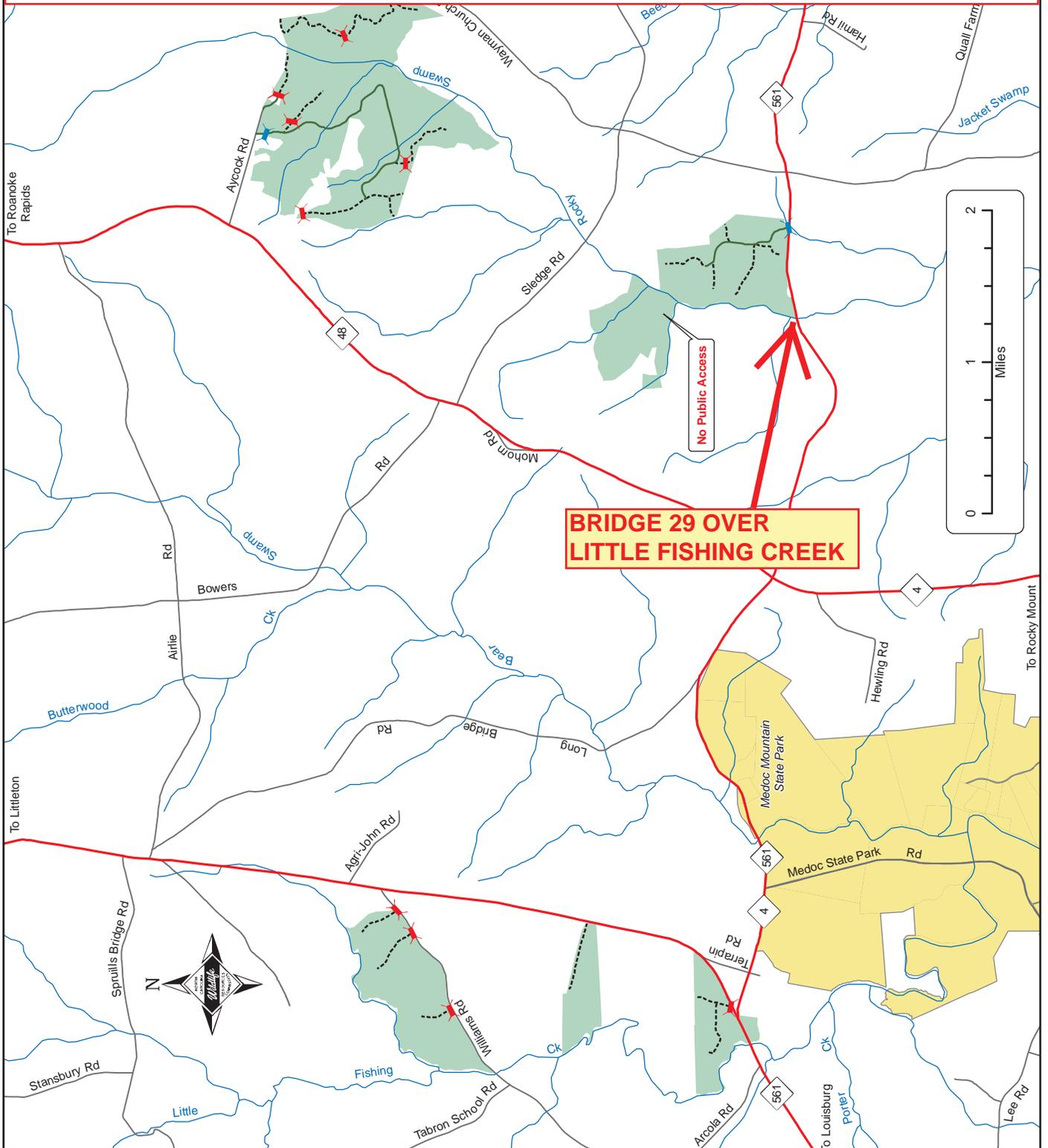
No significant negative impacts are anticipated and I recommend approval.

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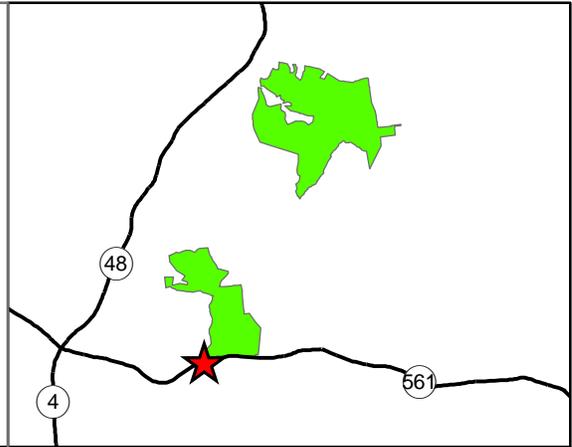
BRINKLEYVILLE GAME LAND

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission,
Halifax County (1,844 acres)

NCDOT RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENT REQUEST BRIDGE 29 OVER LITTLE FISHING CREEK ON NC 561 PERMANENT R/W 1.562 ACRES, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT 0.102 ACRES



General Vicinity Map NCDOT Project B-4761 NC 561 at Little Fishing Creek Bridge 29 - Halifax County



Bridge No. 29
Little Fishing Creek

 Brinkleyville GL

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June 15, 2015



EXHIBIT K

July 16, 2015



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

June 22, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager
Land and Water Access

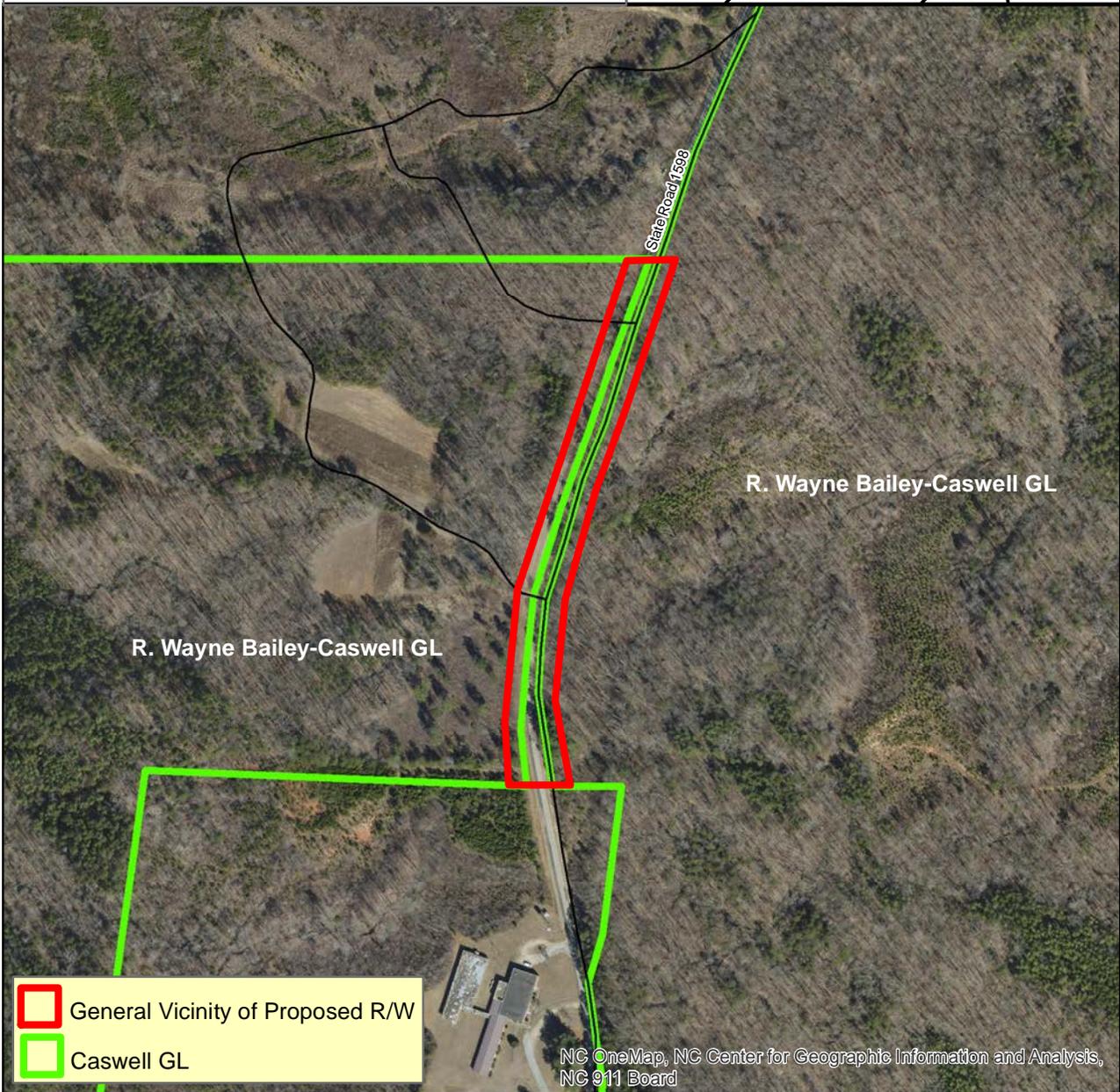
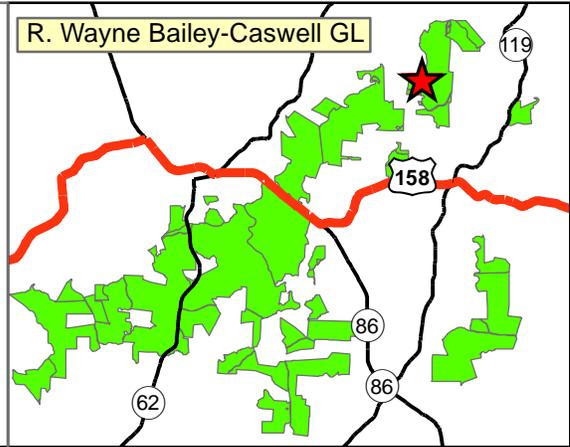
SUBJECT: Duke Energy Power Line Right-of-Way Request
R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land – Caswell County
John Long Road (SR1598)

Duke Energy has requested a right-of-way (R/W) across a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County to facilitate realignment of an existing segment of line which is routed cross-country and is difficult to access and maintain. The new alignment will adjoin and parallel existing DOT R/W associated with John Long Road (SR1598). Eight new poles will be erected on game land property adjacent to the road, requiring a 15 foot R/W over a total distance of approximately 1,900 feet. Total requested R/W is approximately 0.65 acres.

Staff has conducted an on-site evaluation of the staked easement alignment and finds no significant negative impact beyond the loss of merchantable timber with the proposed R/W. Stumpage value of impacted timber resources is estimated at \$1,500 (see attached report). Subject to appropriate compensation as determined by State Property Office, to include the value of merchantable timber, I recommend that we seek WRC approval to grant the requested R/W.

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General Vicinity Map Duke Energy Powerline ROW Caswell GL - John Long Rd Caswell County



June 15, 2015

0 600 1,200 Feet



John Long Road – Powerline ROW Salvage

Pine Logs

11"-1.5, 18"-2.5, 16"-1, 14"-2, 18"-2.5, 16"-1, 15"-2.5, 15"-3, 12"-3, 12"-1, 13"-1, 18"-1, 12"-1, 10"-1 **Total – 200"**

Oak Logs

17"-1, 16"-2, 15"-2, 13"-1, 14"-1.5, 21"-2, 14"-1.5, 14"-1, 13"-1, 12"-1, 18"-2, 12"-2, 13"-2, 13"-1, 12"-1, 18"-1, 11"-1, 13"-1, 16"-1, 14"-1, 15"-1 **Total – 304"**

Poplar Logs

14"-2, 12"-2.5, 20"-1, 26"-2, 23"-2 **Total – 95"**

Other Logs

18"-1, 15"-2, 14"-2.5 **Total – 47"**

Pine Pulpwood

7"-25', 9"-40', 9"-35', 8"-35', 13"-35', 9"-40', 9"-30', 12"-40', 7"-30', 9"-40', 8"-20', 10"-30', 10"-30' **Total – 120"**

Hardwood Pulpwood

11"-25', 7"-20', 10"-30', 12"-30', 10"-30', 9"-15', 9"-10', 10"-20', 13"-40', 12"-30', 13"-40, 15"-30, 13"-30', 16"-20', 11"-10', 14"-30', 12"-30', 10"-30', 11"-25', 15"-30', 18"-25', 10"-25', 11"-20' **Total – 272"**

PRODUCT	MBF	TONS	\$/TON	TOTAL
Oak Sawtimber	2.5	18.6	29.99	\$557.81
Pine Sawtimber	1.9	11.4	29.60	\$337.44
Poplar Sawtimber	1.4	10.5	24.36	\$255.78
Other Hardwood Sawtimber	0.5	3.6	29.99	\$107.96
Hardwood Pulpwood	NA	25	7.48	\$187.00
Pine Pulpwood	NA	7	9.16	\$64.12
TOTAL				\$1510.11

Prices from North Carolina Timber Report, a publication of Forest2Market, 4th Quarter 2014

- Tallied by Brandon Minor and Matt Williams on 6/16/15
- Trees were marked with one spot of orange paint at about eye level
- Only merchantable trees were tallied
- Trees considered "borderline" on the 15 feet threshold were included



June 21, 2015

Mr. Chris Teague
NC Wildlife Resources Commission
1718 Hwy. 56W
Creedmoor, North Carolina 27522

**RE: John Long Road, Caswell County
Electrical line source change**

Dear Mr. Teague:

Thank you for meeting me on the site Tuesday June 9, 2015. As I stated Duke Energy Progress has a power line on John Long Road that the source is from the behind the old Caswell County Prison property and goes cross county back to John Long Rd and ends close to the High Rock Community Center on High Rock School Road. This new proposed route from the High Rock Community Center back down John Long Road will provide the customers on this road a better quality of service and should shorten the length of outages for these customers. The new pole locations have been staked and flagged. I have attached a drawing and some pictures of the site that may help. Note I was proposing a pole just past the gated entrance and after looking at it I move it to just before the gated entrance so the guy wire will not be an issue. If I understood correctly the Wildlife Commission had a meeting early July and was hoping this could be put on the agenda for review and if approved, we can proceed with the right of way from the State of North Carolina. Also, if your forester would like to meet with DE forester, I will be glad to assist.

We look forward to serving this project in the Oxford area. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any further questions. I may be reached at 252-438-1948.

Sincerely,

Barry Davis
Engineering Technologist III
602 Raleigh Rd, Henderson, NC 27536
252.438.1945

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EXHIBIT L

July 16, 2015



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

June 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Isaac Harrold, WRC

FROM: David Varel, WRC

SUBJECT: Need PO-2 Commission Approval for Property Easement

PROPOSED ACTION: Property Easement for Duke Energy

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: State of NC, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Commission

LOCATION: Sandhills Depot, 2995 N US Hwy 1, Hoffman, NC 28347

STRUCTURE: New Depot Building – Shop/Conference/Storage
Value approx. \$500,000

This is to request an agenda item for the upcoming Commission & Committee Meetings for a property easement to Duke Energy in preparation for a newly constructed depot building.

COMMENTS:

- The existing site has four state-owned buildings powered by electricity from Duke Energy.
- Duke has a power pole on the southwest corner of the property which can be tapped for sufficient service to the newly constructed building.
- To run service to the new building will require an underground “main” from the existing pole to a new transformer near the new building. Power would then be tapped from the new transformer to a standard service panel on the new building.
- Duke Energy requires an easement to install and ensure access to their equipment.
- Required easement measures 10 feet in width over a distance of 260 feet for a total of 2,600 square feet.

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General Vicinity Map Duke Energy Powerline ROW Sandhills Depot Richmond County



New Shop/Storage Building

General Location of R/W for Duke Energy underground electrical service

Existing Pole

-  Existing Power Pole
-  Proposed R/W
-  New Shop/Storage Building

NC OneMap, NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, NC 911 Board

June 25, 2015



EXHIBIT M

July 16, 2015



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator

FROM: Christopher M. Baranski, Northern Piedmont Management Biologist

SUBJECT: Little River School Proposed Archery Zone
Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land

DATE: June 24, 2015

In accordance with law and to achieve compliance with the Federal Gun Free School Zones Act, the creation of an Archery Zone around the Little River School in Durham County has been proposed and public comment has been solicited. This school property lies adjacent to the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land, and the portions of Game Land here are currently designated as “general”, All-Weapons Game Land. This proposal calls for changing the designation of approximately 45 acres to an Archery Only Zone, encompassing the area that falls within the 1000 foot buffer from the school which as required by law is a firearms exclusion zone.

A public meeting was held on June 10th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Durham Fire Station No. 15 which is located at 2060 Torredge Rd. on a parcel of property adjacent to the school and the Game Land. There was no public attendance; however the four firemen on duty were presented with the information regarding the proposed change. They asked questions pertaining to how, why, and when, but were totally in agreement with and supported this change. They were: Leonard Rhew, Mike Wrenn, James Hamlett, and Tori Satterwhite (addresses can be provided but no “official” comments were written or offered).

A two week window for on-line or mail comments (ending June 24th) was also offered to the public. Again, there were none received.

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With Commission approval, we would like to post this boundary change on the ground for hunters sometime before the beginning of Deer Archery Season on September 12th, 2015.

Please see provided attachments as exhibits further detailing this proposal. Thanks.

I can be reached at 919-707-0374 to answer any further questions.



Media contact: Jodie B. Owen
919-707-0187
Jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wildlife Commission Holds Public Meeting to Change Hunting Designation on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land

DURHAM, N.C. (June 5, 2015) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is holding a public meeting on June 10 to gather comments on a proposal to re-designate approximately 45 acres on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land from an All Weapons Game Land to an Archery Only Zone. The site affected by the proposal is adjacent to the Little River School.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Durham Fire Station No. 15 located at 2060 Torredge Rd. in Durham.

The Commission is seeking re-designation to comply with the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, which prohibits the discharge or possession of firearms within 1,000 feet of an elementary or secondary school. See [map](#) and [buffer zone](#) for details.

Staff will take comments from the public meeting and present them to the Commissioners at an upcoming business meeting. If approved, the re-designation will go into effect as soon as the site is posted. Staff will erect signs on the game land near the 1,000-foot buffer to advise hunters of the new change in designation before archery season begins Sept. 12, 2015.

The Commission also will accept comments from people who cannot attend the meeting. E-mailed comments will be accepted until June 24 to jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org or mail comments to: Jodie Owen, MSC 1712 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699.

About the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

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Gun Free School Zones Act—as reenacted

Originally enacted in 1990

(P.L. 101-647, Sec. 1702(b)(1))

Overtured by the U.S. Supreme Court, April 26, 1995

Re: Federalism; Congress exceeded its authority under Commerce Clause.

(U.S. v. Lopez, 514 US 549)

Reenacted by Congress, Sep. 30, 1996

(P.L. 104-208)

Deletions • Additions

18 USC § 922 Unlawful acts

(q)(1) The Congress finds and declares that—

- (A) crime, particularly crime involving drugs and guns, is a pervasive, nationwide problem;
- (B) crime at the local level is exacerbated by the interstate movement of drugs, guns, and criminal gangs;
- (C) firearms and ammunition move easily in interstate commerce and have been found in increasing numbers in and around schools, as documented in numerous hearings in both the ~~Judiciary~~ Judiciary Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and ~~Judiciary~~ Judiciary the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;
- (D) in fact, even before the sale of a firearm, the gun, its component parts, ammunition, and the raw materials from which they are made have considerably moved in interstate commerce;
- (E) while criminals freely move from State to State, ordinary citizens and foreign visitors may fear to travel to or through certain parts of the country due to concern about violent crime and gun violence, and parents may decline to send their children to school for the same reason;
- (F) the occurrence of violent crime in school zones has resulted in a decline in the quality of education in our country;
- (G) this decline in the quality of education has an adverse impact on interstate commerce and the foreign commerce of the United States;
- (H) States, localities, and school systems find it almost impossible to handle gun-related crime by ~~themselves~~; eventhemselves—even States, localities, and school systems that have made strong efforts to prevent, detect, and punish gun-related crime find their efforts unavailing due in part to the failure or inability of other States or localities to take strong measures; and
- (I) ~~the~~ the Congress has ~~the~~ the power, under the interstate commerce clause and other provisions of the Constitution, to enact measures to ensure the integrity and safety of the ~~Nation's~~ Nation's schools by enactment of this subsection.

(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any individual knowingly to possess a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a school zone.

(B) Subparagraph (A) ~~shall~~ does not apply to the possession of a firearm—

- (i) on private property not part of school grounds;
- (ii) if the individual possessing the firearm is licensed to do so by the State in which the school zone is located or a political subdivision of the State, and the law of the State or political subdivision requires that, before an individual obtains such a license, the law

enforcement authorities of the State or political subdivision verify that the individual is qualified under law to receive the license;

(iii) ~~which~~ that is—

(I) not loaded; and

(II) in a locked container, or a locked firearms rack which that is on a motor vehicle;

(iv) by an individual for use in a program approved by a school in the school zone;

(v) by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in the school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual;

(vi) by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity; or

(vii) that is unloaded and is possessed by an individual while traversing school premises for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting, if the entry on school premises is authorized by school authorities.

(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), it shall be unlawful for any person, knowingly or with reckless disregard for the safety of another, to discharge or attempt to discharge a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the person knows is a school zone.

(B) Subparagraph (A) ~~shall~~ does not apply to the discharge of a firearm—

(i) on private property not part of school grounds;

(ii) as part of a program approved by a school in the school zone, by an individual who is participating in the program;

(iii) by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in a school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual; or

(iv) by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as preempting or preventing a State or local government from enacting a statute establishing gun-freegun free school zones as provided in this subsection.

18 USC § 921 Definitions

(a) As used in this chapter—

(25) The term “**school zone**” means—

(A) in, or on the grounds of, a public, parochial or private school; or

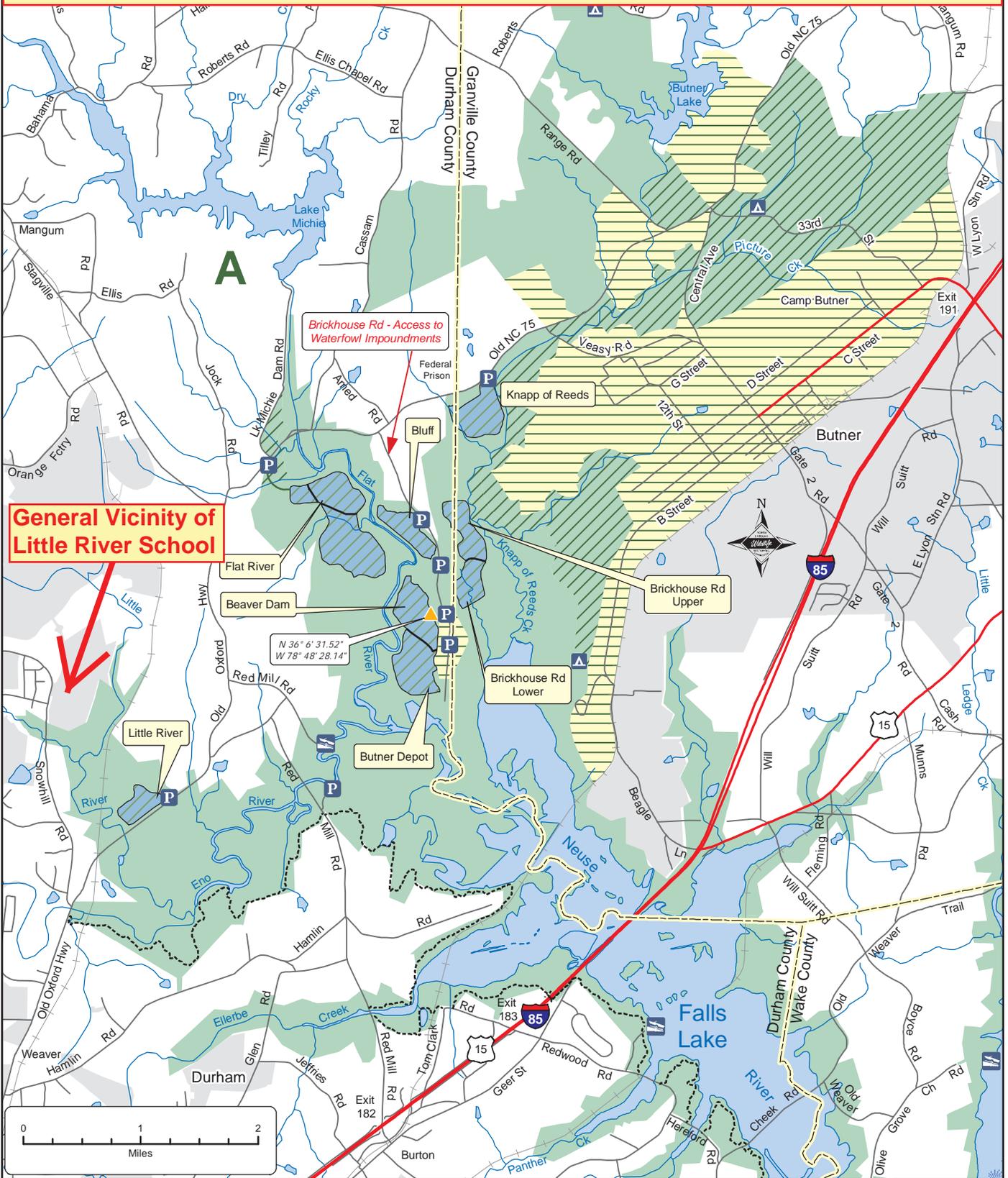
(B) within a distance of 1,000 feet from the grounds of a public, parochial or private school.

(26) The term “**school**” means a school which provides elementary or secondary education, as determined under State law.

BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND (continued)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, N.C. Dept. of Agriculture, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission,
Durham, Granville and Wake Counties

ARCHERY ZONE; LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL AREA OF BUT-FALLS GL (45 ACRES)



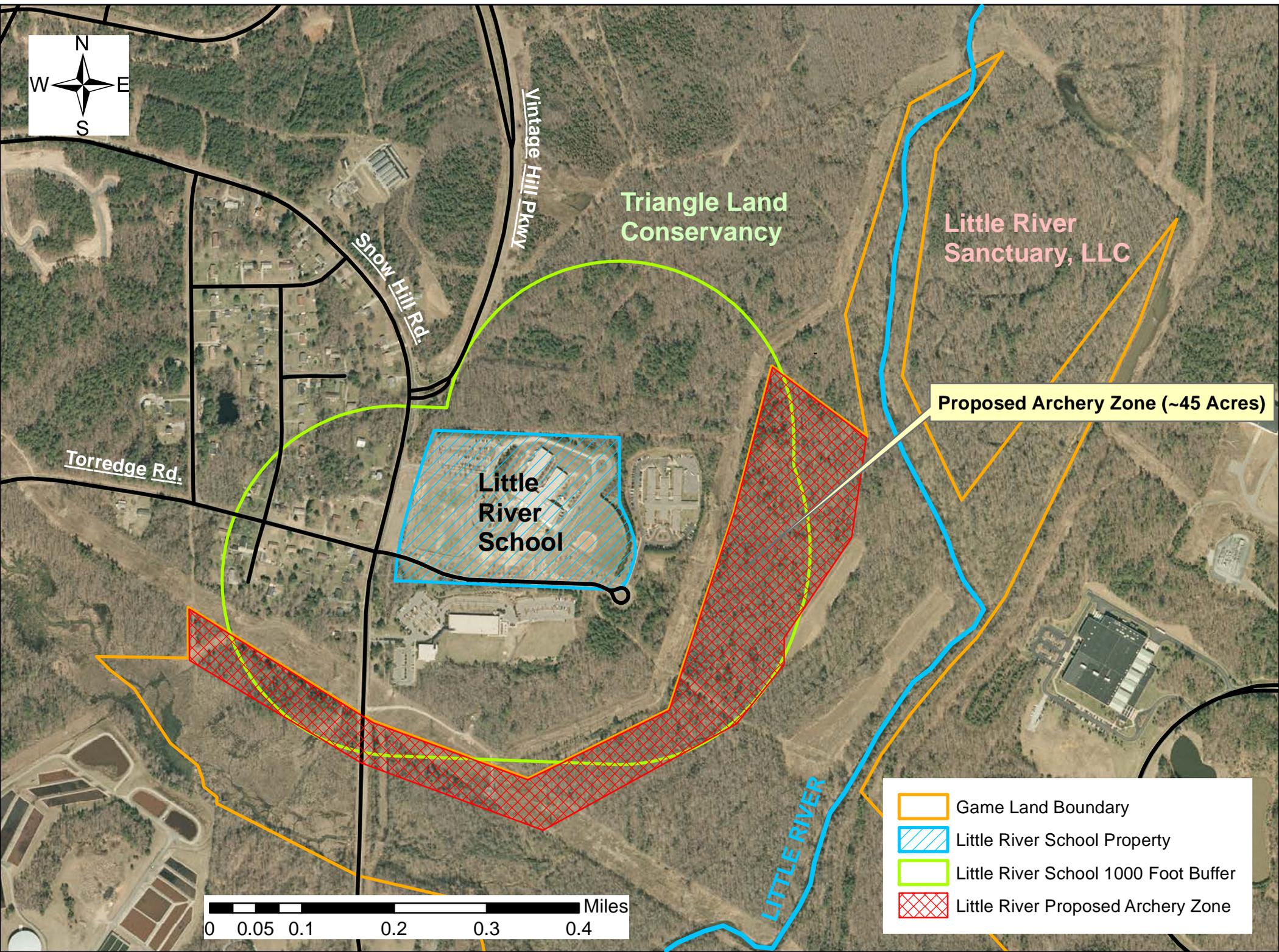
NOTE: 2014-2015 Flooding Schedule for Waterfowl Impoundments will not include Upper Brickhouse Road and Patterson Rd.

Disabled sportsman waterfowl blind is available on Beaver Dam Impoundment.

Safety Alert: Hikers may be encountered along Falls Lake and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

Unless otherwise noted, the surface area of Falls Lake is game land.

Little River School Proposed Archery Zone, Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land



Proposed Archery Zone (~45 Acres)

Little River School

Triangle Land Conservancy

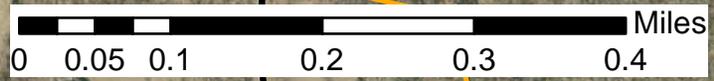
Little River Sanctuary, LLC

Torredge Rd.

Snow Hill Rd.

Vintage Hill Pkwy

LITTLE RIVER



-  Game Land Boundary
-  Little River School Property
-  Little River School 1000 Foot Buffer
-  Little River Proposed Archery Zone

EXHIBIT N-1

July 16, 2015



Permanent Rule-making for No-wake Zones on Lake Wylie, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties

Summary of Comments

One public hearing was held in Charlotte, N.C. on May 7, 2015. Five people completed comment cards at that meeting, all in support of the proposed no-wake zones.

One person e-mailed in support of the Sadler Island east no-wake zone, but opposed to the Sadler Island west no-wake zone as this is the main channel and the e-mailer considers this no-wake zone unnecessary and excessive.

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letter representing an organization:

- 1) Supports the proposed no-wake zones on Lake Wylie.
American Canoe Association, submitted by Dave Bruden, Policy Chief

EXHIBIT N-2

July 16, 2015



Permanent Rule-making for No-wake Zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties

The proposed permanent amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0333 would establish two no-wake zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties.

Proposed Location of No-wake Zones

Sadler Island west- beginning at a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.27481N, 81.0138W to a point on the eastern shore at 35.27423N, 81.01111W extending south on the Lake to a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.2708N, 81.01525W to a point on the western side of Sadler Island at 35.27056N, 81.01393W.

Sadler Island east- beginning at a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.27481N, 81.0138W to a point on the eastern shore at 35.27423N, 81.01111W extending south on the Lake to a line formed from a point on the eastern side of Sadler Island at 35.2663N, 81.0143W to a point on the eastern shore of Lake Wylie at 35.26501N, 81.01374W.

Staff recommends the Commission adopt the following permanent amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0333:

15A NCAC 10F .0333 MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTIES

- (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters of Lake Wylie in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties:
- (1) McDowell Park – The waters of the coves adjoining McDowell Park and the Southwest Nature Preserve in Mecklenburg County, including the entrances to the coves on either side of Copperhead Island;
 - (2) Gaston County Wildlife Club Cove – The waters of the cove at the Gaston County Wildlife Club on South Point Peninsula in Gaston County;
 - (3) Buster Boyd Bridge- The areas 250 feet to the north and 150 feet to the south of the Buster Boyd Bridge;
 - (4) Highway 27 Bridge – The area beginning 50 yards north of the NC 27 Bridge and extending 50 yards south of the southernmost of two railroad trestles immediately downstream from the NC 27 Bridge;
 - (5) Brown's Cove – The area beginning at the most narrow point of the entrance to Brown's Cove and extending 250 feet in both directions;
 - (6) Paradise Point Cove – The waters of the Paradise Point Cove between Paradise Circle and Lakeshore Drive as delineated by appropriate markers;
 - (7) Withers Cove - The area 50 feet on either side of Withers ~~Bridge; and~~
 - (8) Sadler Island west- beginning at a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.27481N, 81.0138W to a point on the eastern shore at 35.27423N, 81.01111W extending south

on the Lake to a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.2708N, 81.01525W to a point on the western side of Sadler Island at 35.27056N, 81.01393W.

(9) Sadler Island east- beginning at a line formed from a point on the western shore of Lake Wylie at 35.27481N, 81.0138W to a point on the eastern shore at 35.27423N, 81.01111W extending south on the Lake to a line formed from a point on the eastern side of Sadler Island at 35.2663N, 81.0143W to a point on the eastern shore of Lake Wylie at 35.26501N, 81.01374W.

~~(8)~~(10) other bridges – the areas that are within 50 feet of any bridge in North Carolina that crosses the waters of Lake Wylie that is not otherwise specifically mentioned in this Paragraph.

(b) Speed Limit Near Ramps. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 yards of any public boat-launching ramp, dock, pier, marina, boat storage structure or boat service area.

(c) Speed Limit Near All Other Bridges. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 feet of any bridge in North Carolina that crosses the waters of Lake Wylie that is not otherwise specifically mentioned in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(d) Speed Limit in Marked Swimming or Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 yards of any marked mooring area or marked swimming area.

(e) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Lake Wylie Marine Commission is designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of markers implementing this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;
Eff. July 1, 1980;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; June 1, 1985; June 1, 1984; March 1, 1983;
Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 1998;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998;
Temporary Amendment Eff. February 4, 2000;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2015; April 1, 2009; June 1, 2004; July 1, 2000.
Temporary Amendment Eff. April 1, 2015*

15A NCAC 10F .0333 (a) (8) & (9) No Wake Zones - Proposed
Lake Wylie, Gaston & Mecklenburg Counties



EXHIBIT O

July 16, 2015



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Cogdell, Chairman
FROM: Gordon Myers, Executive Director
DATE: July 16, 2015
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Six Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Appointees for terms expiring June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee – Pursuant to NCGS § 113-335, the North Carolina Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee is created to advise the Commission on matters related to conservation of nongame wildlife, including creation of protected animal lists and development of conservation programs for endangered, threatened, and special concern species.

NWAC Membership – Pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the NCWRC on October 30, 2014, the Executive Director shall submit to the Commission a list of all nominated individuals to fill expired terms with his recommendations for new Committee members. Appointments shall be based on credentials, expertise, affiliation, and constituency at-large. Membership shall include representation from key agencies and organizations in one of three categories: 1.) Government Affiliate 2.) Expert Affiliate 3.) At-large Affiliate to include other federal natural resource agencies, conservation NGO, Land Trust in North Carolina, and Industry.

Five seats on the 15-member Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) are open for terms that expire on June 30, 2018.

One Government Affiliate seat is open to fill an unexpired term that ends on June 30, 2017.

Pursuant to the Resolution adopted October 30, 2014, the following is the list of all nominations for membership on the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee:

1. Jesse Edward Corey III – NCDENR Parks and Recreation (Expert Affiliate Seat)
2. Harry N. Coulombe - Retired from USGS (No Seat Specified)
3. Warren J. Davis – Retired (At Large Affiliate Seat)
4. Christopher Dillon – Wake County (At Large Affiliate Seat)
5. Fred A. Harris – NC Wildlife Federation (At Large Affiliate Seat)
6. Elizabeth L. Kalies – The Nature Conservancy (At Large Affiliate Seat)
7. Kenneth Neil Medlin – NCDOT (Government Affiliate Seat)
8. James Robert Pendergrass – Dan Nicholas County Park (No Seat Specified)
9. G. Lane Sauls, Jr. – Ecological Engineering , LLP (At Large Affiliate Seat)
10. John Robert Schuler – Cox Communications (At Large Affiliate Seat)
11. Bruce Myerle White – Gelbert, Fullbright, and Randolph Forestry Consultants (At Large Affiliate Seat)
12. Andrew Robinson Wood – Coastal Plain Conservation Group (Expert Affiliate Seat)
13. Judith Ratcliffe – NCDENR (Government Affiliate Seat recommended by DENR to fill unexpired term ending June 30, 2017)

My recommendations are presented for consideration by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to appoint six members to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee:

Government Affiliate – to fill unexpired term ending June 30, 2017

**1. Judith A. Ratcliffe, NCDENR
recommended by DENR**

New member for NCDENR Office and Land and Water Stewardship

Current Position: Environmental Senior Specialist, Freshwater Ecologist

Expertise: aquatic nongame biologist, field surveys for fish, mussels, snails, crayfish, project reviews and technical guidance.

Government Affiliate – for term ending June 30, 2018

**2. Kenneth Neil Medlin, NCDOT
recommended reappointment**

Length of NWAC membership: since 2012

Current Position: Biological Surveys Group Leader, NCDOT

Expertise: FW mussel and fish surveys, transportation planning, BA and BS development, wetland delineations, natural resource inventories

Expert Affiliate – for term ending June 30, 2018

Nominees for this seat should have extensive biological, regional, academic, scientific and/or habitat expertise and experience in matters dealing with nongame wildlife conservation in North Carolina.

**3. Jesse Edward Corey III, NCDENR Division of Parks and Recreation
recommended Expert**

New Member

Current Position: Inventory Biologist, NCDENR Division of Parks and Recreation

Expertise: NC statewide park inventory and monitoring for small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, snails, mussels, crayfish, insects, spiders, and plants.

At-large Affiliate – for term ending June 30, 2018

Nominees for this seat should be qualified individuals from land trusts serving North Carolina, federal natural resource agencies other than the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, non-governmental conservation organizations, industries with operations and/or management that have landscape-scale effects on wildlife, or other organizations that provide a stakeholder voice in wildlife resource conservation. Individuals should have a comprehensive knowledge of nongame wildlife conservation in North Carolina.

**4. Elizabeth L. Kalies, The Nature Conservancy
recommended At-Large NGO**

New Member

Current Position: Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy NC Chapter

Expertise: forest science and restoration, wildlife ecology research, applied conservation science, ecological research and conservation planning, ecotoxicological with vertebrates and agriculture, citizen science with mammals with NC Museum

**5. G. Lane Sauls, Jr., Ecological Engineering, LLP
recommended At-Large Industry**

New Member

Current Position: Principal/Owner, Ecological Engineering, LLP

Expertise: ecosystem assessment, civil engineering, environmental mitigation, regulatory compliance, water conservation, stream restoration, aquatic insect inventory, wetland and riparian buffer restoration/enhancement/preservation, habitat and species surveys for plants and animals

**6. James Robert Pendergrass, Supervisor
recommended At-Large Stakeholder**

New Member

Current Position: Dan Nicholas County Park (Salisbury, NC)

Expertise: habitat management, master falconer, NC Falconers' Guild, outreach