



## **AGENDA**

### **N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

**1751 Varsity Drive**

**NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Chairman John Litton Clark*

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Commissioner Jim Cogdell*

**INVOCATION** - *Commissioner Mike Johnson*

### **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 Clark*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Take action on the February 11, 2016 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 – *Lindsey Riddick, Budget Analyst (EXHIBIT B)*

**2015 LAWRENCE G. DIEDRICK AWARD PRESENTATION** – Presentation of the 2015 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award *Individual Category* to David Palmer and Family - *Gordon Myers, Executive Director* with introduction by *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

## **Break for Photographs**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fisheries Committee Report** – *Tim Spear, Chair*

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

**Boating Safety Committee Report** – *Ray Clifton, Chair*

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

**Committee of the Whole Report** – *John Litton Clark, Chair*

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT** – Receive a presentation highlighting the *Back in the Woods Again Disabled Hunt* – *Sergeant Reggie Barker, Wildlife Enforcement Division*

## **INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION**

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

## **WILDLIFE EDUCATION DIVISION**

**Wildlife Education Division Update** – Receive an update on recent activities of the Wildlife Education Division – *Kris Smith, Wildlife Education Division Chief*

## **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*

**2016 – 2017 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Goose, Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons** – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments and select the 2016 – 2017 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, falconry and waterfowl – *David Cobb (EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4)*

**Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcon for Use in Falconry** – Consider staff recommendation to establish a season for taking a migrant peregrine falcon for use in falconry – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT D)*

**Temporary Rulemaking** - Review comments and consider adoption of temporary amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0202(a)(2) Bear, to move the bear season for Brunswick and Columbus counties, and to modify 15A NCAC 10B .0202(b)(3) Bear, to state that bears may be taken with the aid of unprocessed food products during the entire open season in all counties with a bear season – *David Cobb (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)*

## **LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION**

### **Land Acquisitions and Property Matters**

**Phase I Land Acquisition** - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for Bakers Lake Tract – Bladen County – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager (EXHIBIT F)*

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisitions of the following properties – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-6, G-7, G-8, G-9, G-10, G-11)*

- Blue Ridge Conservancy Tracts – Ashe County
- Bristol Creek Tracts – Burke County
- Deviney 2014 Tract – Rutherford County
- Deviney Brier Creek Tracts – Rutherford County
- DMF Fisherman's Wharf Reallocation – Hyde County
- DOA Ocean Isle Beach Reallocation – Brunswick County
- Eure-Horton Tracts – Gates County
- Little Macedonia Tract – Brunswick County
- McEachern Tract – Bladen County
- Mashie Stomp Tract – Haywood County
- Wycle Fork Tract – Haywood County

**PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES INITIAL DETERMINATION** – Consider approval of the initial classification report for 15A NCAC 10F (Water Safety) and 10H (Regulated Activities) Rules, pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A – *Erica Garner, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

## **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

**No Wake Zone, Slocum Creek in Havelock - Craven County** – Receive one public comment and consider adoption of a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0347(a)(5), to create a no wake zone on a portion of Slocum Creek in the City of Havelock, Craven County – *Betsy Haywood, No Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBIT I)*

**Temporary Rulemaking – Taylor’s Creek No Wake Zone in Beaufort – Carteret County** – Consider agency request for temporary rulemaking to clarify and correct the description of the no wake zone in the waters of Taylor’s Creek, shore to shore, in Beaufort, and to publish Notice of Text in *the NC Register* with one public hearing and a public comment period – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT J)*

**Rulemaking – No Wake Zone, Canal in Arrowhead Beach Subdivision – Chowan County** – Approve Fiscal Note review and consider request from Chowan County to publish Notice of Text in *the NC Register* and hold one public hearing, for an amendment to 15A 10F. 0346 to establish a no wake zone in the waters of an unnamed canal in Arrowhead Subdivision – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS K -1, K-2)*

**COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN** – *John Litton Clark*

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Gordon Myers*

**ADJOURN**



# EXHIBIT A

## April 21, 2016



### MINUTES February 11, 2016 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

The February 11, 2016 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting was called to order by *Commission Chairman* John Litton Clark at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh. Clark 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 Ray Clifton and Mike Johnson were absent.

Commissioner Mark Craig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner John Stone gave the invocation.

#### **WELCOME AND MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY**

Chairman Clark welcomed the Commissioners and guests. Chairman Clark advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e). Commissioner John Stone recused himself from discussion and action on **Exhibits H-1 through H-6, Exhibits I-1 through I-5, Exhibit K, and Exhibit O.**

#### **COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE**

John Litton Clark  
Richard Edwards  
Nat Harris  
Joe Budd  
John Coley  
Landon Zimmer  
Dean Proctor  
John Stone  
Garry Spence

Brian White  
Wes Seegars  
Jim Cogdell  
Neal Hanks  
Tom Berry  
Mark Craig  
Tommy Fonville  
Tim Spear

## **VISITORS**

Blakely Hildebrand – SELC  
Lewis Bennett  
Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation  
Tamara Zmuda – NC Dept. of Justice  
Derb Carter – SELC  
Karen Beck – NCDA & CS

Dana Shook  
Sean Maloy – NC Bowhunters Association  
Cindy Dohner – USFWS  
Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited  
David Viker – USFWS

## **MINUTES**

On a motion by Brian White and second by Wes Seegars, the Commission approved the December 10, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes as presented in **Exhibit A**. The Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Lindsey Riddick, *Budget Analyst*, presented in **Exhibit B** the Wildlife Operating Fund and the Wildlife Endowment Fund as of November 30, 2015. The Operating Fund balance is \$15,853,839.23. The Endowment Fund balance is \$114,073,803.04. Expendable interest is \$21,288,691.09.

## **EVALUATION OF 2015 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST READ INTO THE MINUTES**

Pursuant to the requirements of NCGS §138A-15, Betsy Haywood, *Ethics Liaison*, read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluation by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2015 Statement of Economic Interest for Richard Edwards, *District 2 Commissioner* appointed by Governor Pat McCrory for a term ending June 30, 2021. The evaluation in its entirety is incorporated by reference into the minutes of the meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Land Use and Access Committee Report** – Tom Berry, *Chair*, reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on February 10, 2016. The Committee reviewed six Phase I land acquisitions presented by Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*. The LUAC will recommend approval by the entire Commission for staff to work with State Property and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for:

- Dix Creek Tract – Haywood County
- Long Ridge Tract – Pender County (the Committee recommendation for approval of the Long Ridge Tract to provide public access is dependent upon finding a funding source that does not compete with funding for other game lands)
- Galloway Tract – Rockingham County
- Hill Farm Tract – Stokes County
- Vinson Tract – Bladen County
- Ward (Columbia Depot) Tracts – Tyrrell County

The Committee will recommend final approval by the entire Commission of five Phase II acquisitions:

- Faircloth Tract – Bladen County
- Poplin Tract – Richmond County
- Catherine Gibson Tract – Scotland County
- Stainback Tract – Onslow County
- Morris Tract – Wilkes County

The Committee requested that staff provide an overview of complete stewardship costs of several game lands.

Discussion was held about the status of development of Texas Plantation and assistance by Ducks Unlimited to help with funding.

Erik Christofferson, *Deputy Director of Operations*, announced that the Cleveland County Shooting Range will open in 45 days. The road will be paved as soon as weather permits.

Mark Hamlett, *Engineering Section Chief*, told the Committee that construction will begin soon on the new Rhodes Pond dam.

**Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report** – Mark Craig, *Chair*, reported that the Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee met on February 10, 2016. Jeff Hall gave a staff summary of an augmentation proposal to improve habitats to benefit gopher frog and ornate chorus frog populations. Staff is working to move egg masses past physical barriers to augment populations at Holly Shelter and Sandhills Game Lands.

Todd Ewing, *Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Supervisor*, provided a report on the signing of a Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) for the sicklefin redhorse, a rare fish found only in western North Carolina and north Georgia. With funding from Duke Energy and TVA and in collaboration with the USFWS, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), WRC is evaluating the sicklefin redhorse to prioritize and implement habitat conservation measures which may assist in precluding this species from being federally listed.

Shannon Deaton, *Habitat Conservation Program Manager*, presented information to the Committee about the Wildlife Action Plan revision. USFWS has provided feedback for the 1,000 page document. Review has been favorable. The website for the Wildlife Action Plan will be activated by April.

Deaton stated that the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) has provided a Resolution in support of establishing a framework for an elk hunting season. The NWAC has provided a Resolution opposing creation of a hunting season for alligators and requesting further scientific assessment of the alligator populations in North Carolina. The NWAC resolutions will be used to create agency recommendations for consideration by the Commission for elk and alligator, and for the Endangered Species Study, to be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Big Game Committee Report** - Neal Hanks, *Chair*, reported that the Committee received a webinar update on February 3 that introduced discussion about possible Coastal Bear Management Unit Zone delineations.

The Big Game Committee met on February 10, 2016 for more discussion about the Coastal Bear Management Unit (CBMU). David Sawyer reported on the reevaluation of the five bear seasons in the CBMU in 2015. A cluster analysis was conducted to determine similarities and differences based on identified variables. Comparisons differed among the coastal counties and four zones were identified. The Committee was presented with potential tools for managing bear populations, including allowing the use of unprocessed foods for the entire bear hunting season, providing permit hunts within bear sanctuaries, and increasing bag limits in specific areas. A design framework for a Landowner Black Bear Management Assistance Program (LBMAP) was discussed. The LBMAP would provide assistance to landowners and allow flexibility in bear harvest.

Discussion was held about amending the current bear season in Columbus and Brunswick counties. The Big Game Committee recommends that the Commission proceed with temporary rulemaking for the two-county season change. The Big Game Committee also recommends that the Commission proceed with temporary rulemaking to allow hunting bears over unprocessed food during the entire season.

**Committee of the Whole Report** – John Litton Clark, *Chairman*, reported that the Committee of the Whole met on February 10, 2016. The Committee approved staff recommendation for the recipient of the 2015 Lawrence Diedrick Small Game Award. The recipients will receive the award at the April 21, 2016 WRC meeting.

Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, reviewed the Inland Fisheries public comments and rule proposals for action by the Commission.

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, reviewed Wildlife Management comments from state-wide public hearings and rule proposals. He noted the removal of proposal H-8 declaring the eastern cougar extinct, because action by the USFWS has not yet been taken. Gordon Myers, *Executive Director*, reviewed the Resolution to not proceed with establishing an alligator hunting season at this time. An Alligator Task Force would be established to develop a management plan for North Carolina. The Resolution will be considered for adoption by the entire WRC. Myers read the Resolution supporting establishment of an elk hunting season with the delay of issuance of any permits until the sustainability of the herd is determined. That Resolution will be considered by the entire Commission.

Isaac Harrold, *Game Lands Program Manager*, reviewed public comments and proposed changes to game land regulations for 2016-2017.

Kate Pipkin, *Operations Manager, Wildlife Management*, and Betsy Haywood, *No Wake Zone Coordinator*, reviewed proposed water safety rules for action by the entire Commission.

Cindy Dohner and David Viker of the US Fish and Wildlife Service were welcomed by Director Myers. Myers has met with Dohner and Viker to discuss enhancement of communication to define co-management responsibilities of the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, and health of Lake Mattamuskeet and the fish and wildlife populations throughout the refuge. Myers reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Co-Management of Certain Programs between the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and US Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service on Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. Labeled **Exhibit O**, the MOU will be considered by the entire Commission.

### **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – DISCOVER YOUR WILDLIFE – SRRI BASED PROGRAMS**

Kris Smith, *Wildlife Education Division Chief*, presented a spotlight highlighting Strategic Recruitment and Retention-based programs to create awareness and interest in hunting, fishing, and enjoyment of outdoor wildlife watching and recreation. SRRI based programs educate, mentor, and support people of all ages and abilities, creating awareness and providing access to outdoor places and classes for lifelong learning. Among the projects provided by the WRC are Fish for Fun events, lure and lanyard making, survival skills, turtle tracking, hunter education, youth hunts, Becoming an Outdoors Woman events, track chairs for use by disabled sportsmen, Wounded Warrior projects, shooting ranges, fishing tackle loaner programs, and archery programs for youth and adults. The Outdoor Heritage Council created by the General Assembly will work closely with the WRC to encourage and enhance recruitment and retention of all, and in particular youth, for the enjoyment of our wildlife resources.

## **INLAND FISHERIES**

### **Inland Fisheries Update**

Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, gave an update about the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division. Waters reported on staff field projects including the Lake Norman hybrid striped bass tagging study and an evaluation of possibly stocking red drum into Hyco Lake. Due to water chemistry and presence of non-native, invasive tilapia, Hyco Lake has the potential to support red drum and provide a unique fishery in inland waters. A public input meeting to determine interest and to answer questions will be held on March 12 at 3 pm at Hyco Lake. Results from this meeting will be presented to the Fisheries Committee.

## **ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 INLAND FISHING RULE PROPOSALS**

Christian Waters presented in **Exhibit D** a summary of comments concerning the proposed changes to inland fishing regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2016 and from the WRC internet portal and correspondence.

On a motion by Tim Spear and second by John Coley the Commission adopted the following changes in the 2016-2017 fishing regulations pending approval by the Rules Review Commission and codification in the North Carolina Administrative Code, presented in **Exhibit E**:

- F1) Modify the lower boundary of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters on the Ararat River in Surry County, adding approximately 1.2 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be the portion of the Ararat River adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway in Mount Airy.

***15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters***

- F2) Modify the lower boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on the East Prong Roaring River in Wilkes County, removing approximately 1.3 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters. The new designated reach will be from the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to the S.R. 1002 bridge.

***15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters***

- F3) Clarify that the portion of Three Top Creek located on Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County is classified as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.

***15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters***

- F4) Clarify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Savannah Creek in Jackson County. The designated reach will be from Shell Branch to Cagle Branch.

***15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters***

- F5) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for black bass in Lake Chatuge (Clay County) by increasing the daily creel limit from 5 fish to 10 fish in aggregate, decreasing the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass from 14 inches except that two fish less than 14 inches can be retained in the daily creel to 12 inches with no exception, and removing the minimum size limit of 14 inches for Smallmouth and Spotted Bass.

***15A NCAC 10C .0305 Black Bass***

- F6) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for black bass in Lake Hampton (Yadkin County) by allowing no Largemouth Bass between 16 and 20 inches to be possessed. The daily creel limit will remain 5 fish, and the minimum size limit will remain 14 inches except that two fish less than 14 inches can be retained in the daily creel.

***15A NCAC 10C .0305 Black Bass***

- F7) Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for black bass in the New River in Alleghany County downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, Virginia) by increasing the slot limit of 14 to 20 inches with only one fish greater than 20 inches to a slot limit of 14 to 22 inches with only one fish greater than 22 inches. The daily creel limit will remain 5 fish.

***15A NCAC 10C .0305 Black Bass***

- F8) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in Lake Chatuge (Clay County) by implementing 30-fish daily creel limit. There is no minimum size limit.

***15A NCAC 10C .0306 Crappie***

- F9) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in Lake Hampton (Yadkin County) by implementing an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 20-fish daily creel limit.

***15A NCAC 10C .0306 Crappie***

- F10) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass and Bodie Bass in Lake Chatuge (Clay County) by increasing the daily creel limit from four fish to 15 fish in aggregate, removing the minimum size limit of 20 inches, and allowing only two fish greater than 22 inches to be retained.

***15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass***

- F11) Prohibit transport, possession or release of live White Perch in waters in and west of Haywood, Buncombe, and Rutherford counties.

***15A NCAC 10C .0319 White Perch***

- F12) Establish an exception to the general statewide regulation for Blue Catfish in Lake Tillery, Lake Wylie, and Mountain Island Reservoir by allowing only one fish greater than 32 inches to be possessed in the daily creel.

***15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale***

- F13) Designate Atlantic Sturgeon as State Endangered when found in inland fishing waters and remove Atlantic Sturgeon from the State Special Concern list. The scientific name of Atlantic Sturgeon will be updated to match currently accepted nomenclature.

***15A NCAC 10I .0103 Endangered Species List***

***15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special Concern Species Listed***

- F14) Add dip nets when used in conjunction with a licensed hand-crank electrofisher where authorized by local law to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.

*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption*

**Exhibits D and E, Fishing Rules Adoption**, are hereby incorporated into the official record.

## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

### **Wildlife Management Update**

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update about the activities of the Division. Dr. Cobb announced that the deer harvest for 2015 increased statewide. Electronic reporting shows that the bear harvest has doubled in the mountains. Harvest is the same at the coast and has increased in the Piedmont. Cobb stated that 2,600 bears have been harvested so far. Cobb reported that a research project showing the market and non-market valuation of tundra swan indicated that 5000 permittees provided a \$2.04 million impact to North Carolina. Cobb announced that the Southeastern Deer Study meeting will be held in Concord next week. Director Myers will speak at that meeting. The NCWRC is hosting the 21<sup>st</sup> Eastern Elk Management Workshop in Cherokee April 17-20, 2016.

## **ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RULE PROPOSALS**

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit F**, a summary of public comments concerning the proposed changes to wildlife management regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2016 and from the WRC internet portal and correspondence.

On a motion by Neal Hanks and second by John Coley, The Commission adopted changes in wildlife management regulations for 2016-2017 presented in **Exhibit G, (H1 through H3 and H6, H7, H9 and H10)**, subject to approval by the Rules Review Commission and codification in the North Carolina Administrative Code:

- H1) Allow the sale of raw (untanned) deer hides from an animal lawfully taken by hunting, because of depredation, or as road kill. Individuals or deer processors would be allowed to sell raw hides. Current regulations regarding the reporting and identification of harvested deer would apply, but there are no proposed additional tagging requirements for selling hides. Processed hides require a Trophy Sale permit in order to be legally sold.

*15A NCAC 10B .0118 Sale of Wildlife*

- H2) Change the definition of a bear cub from any bear weighing less than 50 pounds to any bear weighing less than 75 pounds.

*15A NCAC 10B .0107 Black bear*

- H3) Remove Gum Swamp in Pamlico and Beaufort counties from the bear sanctuary program.

*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*



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- H6) Change a Commission rule that prohibits hunting on Sundays with firearms to conform to state law that regulates hunting on Sundays. State law passed in the 2015 legislative session allows hunting on Sundays with firearms on private lands with the following restrictions:

- Hunting is limited to any landowner or member of the landowner's family, or any person with written permission from the landowner. 9
- Hunting on Sunday between 9:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. is prohibited, except on controlled hunting preserves.
- Hunting of migratory birds on Sunday is prohibited.
- The use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs on Sunday is prohibited.
- Hunting on Sunday within 500 yards of a place of worship or any accessory structure thereof, or within 500 yards of a residence not owned by the landowner, is prohibited.
- Hunting on Sunday in a county having a population greater than 700,000 people is prohibited (currently Wake and Mecklenburg counties).

The Commission rule will continue to allow hunting on Sundays with archery equipment and falconry on private lands in all counties from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, except migratory game birds cannot be taken.

***15A NCAC 10B .0201 Prohibited taking and manner of take***

- H7) Designate the Red Knot and the Northern Long-eared Bat as federally-listed threatened species in North Carolina.

***15A NCAC 10I .0104 Threatened species listed***

- H9) Remove the elk from the state list of special concern species.

***15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special concern species listed***

- H10) Allow for Wildlife Damage Control Agents (WDCAs) to renew their status every three years by attending the Commission's training course or completing an equivalent in continuing education courses.

***15A NCAC 10B .0106 Wildlife taken for depredations***

The Commission did **not** approve H4 presented in **Exhibit G**. Based on public comments in opposition to an alligator season and the need to further refine conditions under which alligator hunting should be allowed, the Commission adopted a ***Resolution Regarding Proposed Establishment of an Alligator Season in North Carolina***. Mark Craig made a motion to adopt. The motion was seconded by John Coley and the Resolution was adopted unanimously. The **Resolution** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting as **Attachment 1**.

On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved H5 presented in **Exhibit G** in the form of a Resolution.

- H5) Open an elk hunting season with the following restrictions:
- The season for elk is from October 1 to November 1.
  - Hunting is by permit only.
  - The bag limit is one per permit.
  - Elk may be taken by any legal firearms or archery equipment.

The ***Resolution Regarding Proposed Establishment of an Elk Hunting Season in North Carolina*** is incorporated into the Actions as **Attachment 2**.

## **TEMPORARY RULEMAKING – MODIFY 15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

Upon a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Neal Hanks, the Commission approved taking to public hearings proposed temporary rulemaking for 15A NCAC 10B .0202(a)(2) Bear, to move the bear hunting season for Brunswick and Columbus counties to begin the second Monday in November and end January 1 and to modify 15A NCAC 10B .0202(b)(3) Bear, to state that bears may be taken with the aid of unprocessed food products during the entire open season in all counties with a bear season.

## **PROPERTY MATTERS**

### **Phase I Land Acquisitions**

*With Commissioner John Stone recusing himself from any participation or action on Exhibits H-1 through H-6*, the Commission approved requests 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 H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, and H-6**. The motion was made by Tom Berry to approve, with the noted condition for Long Ridge Tract in Pender County (H-2), seconded by Tommy Fonville, and carried.

- Dix Creek Tract – Haywood County (H-1)
- Long Ridge Tract - Pender County (H-2)  
The Commission approved the request for staff to develop an acquisition plan for the Long Ridge Tract for purposes of access and as a conservation land, with the understanding that typical funding sources for game lands acquisitions will not be used.
- Galloway Tract – Rockingham County (H-3)
- Hill Farm Tract – Stokes County (H-4)
- Vinson Tract – Bladen County (H-5)
- Ward Columbia Depot Tracts – Tyrrell County (H-6)

**Exhibits H-1 through H-6** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### **Phase II Land Acquisitions**

*With Commissioner John Stone recusing himself from any participation or action on Exhibits I-1 through I-5*, the Commission voted on a motion by Tom Berry and second by John Coley and gave final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties:

- Faircloth Access Tract – Bladen County (I-1)
- Poplin Tract – Richmond County (I-2)
- Catherine Gibson Tract – Scotland County (I-3)
- Stainback Tract – Onslow County (I-4)
- Morrison Tract – Wilkes County (I-5)

**Exhibits I-1 through I-5** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **ADOPTION OF GAME LAND MANAGEMENT RULES FOR 2016-2017**

**Summary of Public Comments Pertaining to Proposed Changes in Game Land Regulations-** Isaac Harrold presented a summary of public comments received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2016 and from the WRC internet and correspondence, pertaining to proposed changes to game land regulations. **(EXHIBIT J)**

**2016-2017 Game Land Management Rules – *With Commissioner John Stone recusing himself from any participation or action on Exhibit K***, the Commission adopted proposed changes in game land management regulations presented in **Exhibit K**. The motion was made by Jim Cogdell, seconded by Tommy Fonville, and carried. Regulations adopted are subject to approval by the Rules Review Commission and codification in the NC Administrative Code.

- G1) Move the opening date for hunting deer with all lawful weapons on Lake Mattamuskeet and Alligator River National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) from the Saturday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday on or nearest September 10.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer*
- G2) Prohibit all public use from sunset to sunrise on those portions of game land posted as “Day Use Only Zones”.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use*
- G3) Modify existing game land rules regarding the possession of firearms on US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project lands and waters to comply with current applicable federal regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use*
- G4) Allow youth to hunt in managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset on the two youth waterfowl days following the end of the regular waterfowl seasons.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G5) Prohibit the use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes during the period of March 15 through July 15 on Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G6) Expand the opportunity for horseback riding on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land by allowing horses on gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G7) Remove text from the North Carolina Administrative Code which establishes Catawba Game Land in Catawba County.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

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- G8) Allow horseback riding on Chowan Swamp Game Land anytime from May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are specifically posted for equestrian use.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G9) Remove posted Archery Zones from the permit requirement for hunting turkeys on Harris Game Land.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G10 Designate Holly Shelter Game Land as a 6 day per week game land and restrict dog hunting for deer and bear to Mondays, Wednesdays, ~~and~~ Saturdays, **Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days**, except as otherwise authorized by permit on the Bear Garden Tract of Holly Shelter Game Land.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G11 Allow geocaching on Holly Shelter and Stones Creek Game Lands during closed seasons and on closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey and waterfowl.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G12 Expand opportunity for raccoon and opossum hunting on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area, which is currently limited to open days from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving, to include all open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*
- G13 Establish Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County as a Permit Only game land.  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands*

**Exhibit K** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

**Adoption of Permanent Rulemaking – No Vessel Entry Swimming Area on Lake Glenville, Jackson County** – Upon a motion by Joe Budd and second by Nat Harris, the Commission adopted 15A NCAC 10F .0377, a no-vessel entry swimming area at the Pines Recreation Area Swim Beach on Lake Glenville in Jackson County, presented in **Exhibit L**. Upon review by the Rules Revision and codification in the NC Administrative Code, the earliest effective date of the rule would be May 1, 2016. **Exhibit L** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Adoption of Permanent Rule Amendment – No Wake Zone in Cedar Point, Carteret County -**

Upon a motion by Joe Budd and second by Tim Spear, the Commission adopted a permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0330, presented in **Exhibit M**, for a no wake zone at Palmetto Drive Canal, a tributary to the White Oak River in Cedar Point in Carteret County. Upon review by the Rules Review Commission and codification in the NC Administrative Code, the earliest effective date of the rule would be May 1, 2016. **Exhibit M** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Approval to Publish Notice of Text for Proposed Extension of No Wake Zone at Lakes End Cove on Nantahala Lake, Macon County –**

On a motion by Joe Budd and second by Tim Spear, the Commission approved staff recommendation, presented in **Exhibit N-1**, to publish a Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing on a request by Macon County Board of Commissioners, for an extension of a no wake zone to encompass the entire Lakes End Cove on Nantahala Lake in Macon County. **Exhibit N-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Approval of Fiscal Note Review – Proposed No Wake Zone Rule Amendment to 15A NCAC**

**10F .0366(a)(1)** – On a motion by Neal Hanks and second by Joe Budd, the Commission approved the Fiscal Note Review by the Office of State Budget and Management, presented in **Exhibit N-2**, for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0366(a)(1) –Macon County, to extend an existing no wake zone to encompass the entire area of the Lakes End Cove on Nantahala Lake. If adopted, the WRC will purchase, place and maintain the markers for the signage at a cost of no more than \$2000.00. **Exhibit N-2** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NCWRC AND US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ON MATTAMUSKEET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – Exhibit O**

Prior to consideration of a draft MOU for co-management of certain programs at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge between NCWRC and USFWS, *Commissioner John Stone recused himself from participation and action on a draft MOU pertaining to co-management of Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge.*

Chairman John Clark recognized Derb Carter of the Southern Environmental Law Center. Carter voiced concerns about the Wildlife Resources Commission managing fisheries on Lake Mattamuskeet.

Director Gordon Myers stated that the MOU does not turn management of fisheries over to the WRC. Myers referred to a memorandum of December 6, 2014 signed by the WRC and USFWS, affirming a long-time commitment to water quality and vegetation hydrology at the refuge. Chief among shared objectives are the health and well-being of migratory waterfowl and wading birds that depend on the lake in their annual lifecycles. Myers noted that the MOU will add a system of accountability and define structure between the two agencies. All objectives are in complete alignment with the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge.

### **ADOPTION OF THE MOU**

*With Commissioner John Stone recused*, a motion was made by Wes Seegars and seconded by Brian White to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the USFWS and NCWRC. The motion carried. The MOU, signed by Cynthia Dohner, *Regional Director, SE Region, USFWS*, Gordon Myers, *Executive Director, NCWRC*, and John Litton Clark, *Chairman, NCWRC*, is incorporated into the Minutes as **Attachment 3**.

### **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

*Chairman* John Litton Clark congratulated Christian Waters on his promotion to Inland Fisheries Division Chief. Clark thanked Cindy Dohner and David Viker for their attendance and collaboration with the WRC on the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Executive Director* Gordon Myers thanked Cindy Dohner and David Viker for coming to the meetings and for their partnerships with the WRC. He congratulated Christian Waters for his promotion and congratulated Brian McRae for his promotion to Section Chief- Land and Water Access. Myers noted that Representative Jimmy Dixon and Dell Murphy, Chair of the Outdoor Heritage Council, met with WRC representatives last week to learn about the Commission's outreach activities. The Session Law passed by the General Assembly last session provides an important role for the Wildlife Resources Commission to implement the Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund. Myers stated that the Executive Committee will meet to discuss implementation.

### **COMMENTS BY CYNTHIA DOHNER, SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

Cynthia Dohner spoke about her high regard for the NCWRC. She noted appreciation for the partnership and leadership shown by Director Gordon Myers in working on many projects with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. At a recent Awards Meeting, the USFWS SE Region presented an award to Gordon Myers, noting his support of landscape scale conservation to address ongoing research needs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Litton Clark at 10:38 am.

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

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John Litton Clark, Chairman

Date

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Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Exhibit B**

April 21, 2016

**Summary and Analysis of Agency Operating Cash Balance - Code 14350, 24350, 24351 and 24352**

	December, 2014				December, 2015		
<b>Cash Balance July 1</b>		<b>\$ 17,507,785.09</b>				<b>\$ 11,302,064.79</b>	
	<b>2014-2015</b>				<b>2015-2016</b>		
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>		<b>Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Appropriations	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 5,752,442.00	50.76%		\$ 10,199,121.00	\$ 5,274,705.00	51.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,332,557.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,752,442.00</b>	<b>50.76%</b>		<b>\$ 10,199,121.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,274,705.00</b>	<b>51.72%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>							
License Receipts	\$ 19,018,349.00	\$ 13,085,177.45	68.80%		\$ 18,313,775.50	\$ 13,594,216.85	74.23%
Vessel Receipts	11,310,037.00	3,880,965.00	34.31%		11,720,816.32	4,895,940.00	41.77%
Federal Funds	26,115,651.00	13,765,540.19	52.71%		27,104,387.74	13,541,059.00	49.96%
Publications	345,432.00	486,808.90	140.93%		9,523,163.26	451,492.11	4.74%
Professional Services	8,567,065.00	5,212,140.07	60.84%		2,930,204.08	4,107,380.23	140.17%
Agency Reimbursements	3,934,902.00	2,845,042.91	72.30%		2,930,204.08	1,514,036.13	51.67%
Other Receipts	681,664.00	496,869.52	72.89%		732,551.02	828,613.71	113.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,973,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,772,544.04</b>	<b>56.84%</b>		<b>\$ 73,255,102.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,932,738.03</b>	<b>53.15%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Administration	\$ 7,965,285.00	\$ 4,097,936.61	51.45%		\$ 8,341,789.00	\$ 4,415,686.61	52.93%
Enforcement	22,408,435.00	10,311,205.57	46.01%		21,764,249.00	10,752,061.20	49.40%
Education	3,864,594.00	1,697,574.99	43.93%		4,926,549.00	2,500,427.88	50.75%
Inland Fisheries	10,197,663.00	4,538,972.07	44.51%		9,253,631.00	3,982,642.88	43.04%
Wildlife Management	10,581,455.00	3,821,669.97	36.12%		8,943,911.00	3,515,287.31	39.30%
Engineering Services	22,808,305.00	14,906,821.17	65.36%		22,604,055.00	12,240,346.08	54.15%
Habitat Conservation	-	-			994,381.00	463,754.73	46.64%
W/Life Fund Receipts	9,752,135.00	4,388,872.50	45.00%		9,060,699.00	3,800,024.10	41.94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,577,872.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,763,052.88</b>	<b>49.97%</b>		<b>\$ 85,889,264.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,670,230.79</b>	<b>48.52%</b>
<b>Cash Balance December 31</b>		<b>\$ 19,269,718.25</b>				<b>\$ 13,839,277.03</b>	



# NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

## ENDOWMENT FUND YEAR-TO-DATE

	<u>December, 2014</u>	<u>December, 2015</u>
<b>Balance Dec 1</b>	\$ 110,313,759.73	\$ 116,449,397.52
Plus: Revenues from Sales	444,434.00	548,191.00
Return on Investment	<u>591,998.99</u>	<u>366,656.14</u>
	111,350,192.72	117,364,244.66
Less: Transfers Out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance Dec 31</b>	<b><u>\$ 111,350,192.72</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 117,364,244.66</u></b>
<b>Market Value</b>	<b>\$ 113,674,292.81</b>	<b>\$ 113,603,367.88</b>

## Endowment Fund Interest

Sources of Interest Available	Expendable	Non Expendable	Transferred to Operations	Transferred to Capital Projects
<b>ADULT Licenses</b>	\$ 20,355,636.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>INFANT Licenses</b>	-	10,397,117.22	-	-
<b>YOUTH Licenses</b>	-	868,763.61	-	-
<b>Magazine Subscriptions</b>	378,733.83	-	-	-
<b>Contributions - General</b>	1,669,419.32	-	-	-
<b>Contributions - Diversity</b>	1,040.32	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,404,830.37</b>	<b>\$ 11,265,880.83</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## 2015-16 Budgeted Obligated

<b>Allocation of Endowment Interest - Sportsman Fund</b>	5,095,858.00
<b>Allocation of Endowment Interest - Magazine Fund</b>	271,965.00
	<u><b>\$ 5,367,823.00</b></u>

## 2015-16 Transferred To Date

<b>To Sportsman Fund</b>	-
<b>To Magazine Fund</b>	-
<b>To Capital Projects</b>	-
	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>

# EXHIBIT C-1

April 21, 2016



## Final Regulations Frameworks for 2016–17 Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds

### 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.

#### Definitions:

For the purpose of hunting regulations listed below, the collective terms “dark” and “light” geese include the following species:

*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.

**Area, Zone, and Unit Descriptions:** Geographic descriptions related to regulations are contained in a later portion of this document.

**Area-Specific Provisions:** Frameworks for open seasons, season lengths, bag and possession limits, and other special provisions are listed below by Flyway.

#### 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 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, tundra swans, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules and would be the same as those allowed in the regular season. Flyway species and area restrictions would remain in effect.

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

**Participation Restrictions:** States may use their established definition of age for youth hunters. However, youth hunters may not be over the age of 17. 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. Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as Federal Duck Stamp). Tundra swans may only be taken by participants possessing applicable tundra swan permits.

#### **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.

## Waterfowl

### Atlantic Flyway

#### Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots

Outside Dates: Between the Saturday nearest September 24 (September 24) and the last Sunday in January (January 29).

Hunting Seasons and Duck Limits: 60 days. The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which can be females), 1 black duck, 2 pintails, 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, 4 scoters, 4 eiders, and 4 long-tailed ducks.

Closures: The season on harlequin ducks is closed.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers.

Coot Limits: The daily bag limit is 15 coots.

Zoning and Split Seasons: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia may split their seasons into three segments; Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont may select hunting seasons by zones and may split their seasons into two segments in each zone.

#### Scoters, Eiders, and Long-tailed Ducks

##### Special Sea Duck Seasons:

Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia may select a Special Sea Duck Season in designated Special Sea Duck Areas. If a Special Sea Duck Season is selected, scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may be taken in the designated Special Sea Duck Area(s) only during the Special Sea Duck Season dates; scoter, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may

be taken outside of Special Sea Duck Area(s) during the regular duck season, in accordance with the frameworks for ducks, mergansers, and coots specified above.

Outside Dates: Between September 15 and January 31.

Special Sea Duck Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: 60 consecutive hunting days, or 60 days that are concurrent with the regular duck season, with a daily bag limit of 5, singly or in the aggregate, of the listed sea duck species, including no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, and 4 long-tailed ducks. 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 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, 4 eiders, and 4 long-tailed ducks) and possession limits.

Special Sea Duck 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 New Jersey, all coastal waters seaward from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Demarcation Lines shown on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Nautical Charts and further described in 33 CFR 80.165, 80.501, 80.502, and 80.503; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay that are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in South Carolina and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay that 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.

#### Canada Geese

##### Special Early Canada Goose 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 special early Canada goose season, shooting hours may extend to one-half hour after sunset if all other waterfowl seasons are closed in the specific applicable area.

Regular Canada Goose Seasons:

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: Specific regulations for Canada geese are shown below by State. These seasons may also include white-fronted geese in an aggregate daily bag limit. Unless specified otherwise, seasons may be split into two segments.

*North Carolina:*

SJBP Zone: A 70-day season may be held between October 1 and December 31, with a 5-bird daily bag limit.

RP Zone: An 80-day season may be held between October 1 and March 10, with a 5-bird daily bag limit. The season may be split into 3 segments.

Northeast Hunt Unit: A 14-day season may be held between the Saturday prior to December 25 (December 24) and January 31, with a 1-bird daily bag limit.

Light Geese

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select a 107-day season between October 1 and March 10, with a 25-bird daily bag limit and no possession limit. States may split



their seasons into three segments.

#### Brant

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select a 60-day season between the Saturday nearest September 24 (September 24) and January 31, with a 2-bird daily bag limit.

#### Tundra Swans

In portions of the Atlantic Flyway (North Carolina and Virginia) and the Central Flyway (North Dakota, South Dakota [east of the Missouri River], and that portion of Montana in the Central Flyway), an open season for taking a limited number of tundra swans may be selected. Permits will be issued by the States that authorize the take of no more than 1 tundra swan per permit. A second permit may be issued to hunters from unused permits remaining after the first drawing. The States must obtain harvest and hunter participation data. These seasons are also subject to the following conditions:

#### In the Atlantic Flyway:

- The season may be 90 days, between October 1 and January 31.
- In North Carolina, no more than 5,000 permits may be issued.

#### Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and the last Sunday in January (January 29) 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, mergansers, and coots; therefore, frameworks for common moorhens and purple gallinules are included with the duck, merganser, and coot frameworks.

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 29) 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 Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, 10, singly or in the aggregate of the two species. In Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, 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 Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, 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 24) and January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 45 days in the Eastern and

Central Regions. 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.

## Geese

### Atlantic Flyway

#### *North Carolina*

SJBP Hunt Zone: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Halifax (that portion east of NC 903), Montgomery (that portion west of NC 109), Northampton, Richmond (that portion south of NC 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74), Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake.

RP Hunt Zone: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Alamance, Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie (that portion south and west of a line formed by NC 45 at the Washington Co. line to U.S. 17 in Midway, U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor, U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line), Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Davie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax (that portion west of NC 903), Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Martin, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery (that portion that is east of NC 109), Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond (all of the county with exception of that portion that is south of NC 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74), Robeson, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Vance, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin, and Yancey.

Northeast Hunt Unit: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Bertie (that portion north and east of a line formed by NC 45 at the Washington County line to U.S. 17 in Midway, U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor, U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line), Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

# EXHIBIT C-2

April 21, 2016



## 2016-17 Migratory Game Bird Season Options Responses to internet questions

### **GB1. Mourning Dove Gun Season Dates**

Frameworks: 90 days, no more than 3 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Latest closing date: January 15<sup>th</sup>

The proposed 2016-17 season dates for mourning doves are: **September 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup> – January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **23 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **3 responses**

### **GB2. Woodcock Gun Season Dates**

Frameworks: 45 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Latest closing date: January 31<sup>st</sup>

The proposed 2016-17 season dates for woodcock are: **December 15<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **6 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **2 responses**

**GB3. Snipe Gun Season Dates**

Frameworks: 107 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Latest closing date: February 28<sup>th</sup>

The proposed 2016-17 season dates for snipe are: **November 14<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **5 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **No response**

**GB4. Rail, Gallinule and Moorhen Gun Season Dates**

Frameworks: 70 days, no more than 2 season segments

Earliest opening date: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Latest closing date: Last Sunday in January (January 29<sup>th</sup>)

The proposed 2016-17 season dates for rails, gallinules and moorhens are: **September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> – November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **3 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **1 response**

**GB5. September Teal Gun Season Dates**

Frameworks: 16 consecutive days

Earliest opening date: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Latest closing date: September 30<sup>th</sup>

The proposed 2016-17 season dates for September teal are: **September 13<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **17 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **6 responses**



**GB6. 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 days

The proposed 2016-17 extended falconry season dates for doves are: **October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **1 response**
- ☐ Disagree    **No response**

**GB7. 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 days

The proposed 2016-17 extended falconry season dates for rails, gallinules and moorhens are: **December 3<sup>rd</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **1 response**
- ☐ Disagree    **No response**

**GB8. 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 days.

The proposed 2016-17 extended falconry season dates for woodcock are: **November 5<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **1 response**
- ☐ Disagree    **No response**

**GB9. General Duck Season Dates**

Frameworks: 60 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: September 24<sup>th</sup>

Latest Closing date: January 29<sup>th</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for the general duck season are proposed for: **October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **26 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **21 responses**

**GB10. Special Sea Duck Season Dates (In special sea duck areas only)**

Frameworks: 60 consecutive days or must be set concurrently with the general duck season

Earliest opening date: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Latest Closing date: January 31<sup>st</sup>

Which of the following season options do you prefer?

- ☐ 60 consecutive hunting days (**November 21<sup>st</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>**)

**17 responses**

- ☐ Same as the general duck season dates (**October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>**)

**7 responses**

**GB11. Resident Population (RP) Zone Goose Season Dates**

Frameworks: 80 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Closing date: March 10<sup>th</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for Canada geese in the Resident Population (RP) Zone are proposed for: **October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **13 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **1 response**

**GB12. Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone Canada Goose Season Dates**

Frameworks: 70 days, no more than 2 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Closing date: December 31<sup>st</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for Canada geese in the Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone are proposed for: **October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **6 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **5 responses**

**GB13. Northeast Hunt Zone Canada Goose Season Dates**

Frameworks: 14 hunting days, no more than 2 splits

Earliest opening date: December 24<sup>th</sup>

Closing date: January 31<sup>st</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone are proposed for: **January 13<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **8 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **5 responses**



**GB14. Light goose regular season dates**

**(includes snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese)**

Frameworks: 107 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Closing date: March 10<sup>th</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for the regular light goose season are proposed for:

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree    **10 responses**
- Disagree   **1 response**

**GB15. Light goose Conservation Order season dates**

**(includes snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese)**

Frameworks: Must occur when no other waterfowl seasons are open

The 2017 season dates for the Light Goose Conservation Order season are proposed for: **February 13<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree    **8 responses**
- Disagree   **1 response**

**GB16. Brant Season Dates**

Frameworks: 60 days, no more than 2 splits

Earliest opening date: September 24<sup>th</sup>

Closing date: January 31<sup>st</sup>

Which of the following season options do you prefer?

- 60 day season (**November 21<sup>st</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>**)  
**3 responses**
- 30 day season due to concerns with a declining brant population in North Carolina (**December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>**)  
**12 responses**

**GB17. Tundra Swan Season Dates**

Frameworks: 90 days, no season splits allowed, permit only (5,000 permits)

Earliest opening date: October 1<sup>st</sup>

Closing date: January 31<sup>st</sup>

The 2016-17 season dates for tundra swan are proposed for: **November 12<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **16 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **2 responses**

**GB18. Youth Waterfowl Day(s)**

Two youth waterfowl hunting days are allowed. Guidelines for selecting youth days include:

1. The day(s) can occur up to 14 days before or after any regular duck season or in the closed portion between season segments.
2. The day must occur on any non-school day. In North Carolina, this includes Saturdays and any statewide holidays.

The 2016-17 youth waterfowl days are proposed for: **February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **20 responses**
- ☐ Disagree    **2 responses**

**GB19. Extended Falconry Season Dates for Ducks**

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Days allocated to the gun season + extended falconry days may not exceed 107 days

The 2016-2017 extended falconry season dates for ducks are proposed for: **October 25<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- ☐ Agree    **1 response**
- ☐ Disagree    **No response**

**GB20. Additional comment(s)**

Use this space to provide any additional comment(s) regarding hunting seasons or issues relating to migratory game bird species.

- **8 responses**

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Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB1	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB1	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB1	District 5	Option 1	But I think NCWRC should reconsider opening the season at noon on the first day. Most dove hunting happens labor day weekend, mainly opening day. Limiting opening day to an afternoon hunt will help alleviate people shooting limits in the am and returning to the field for another pm limit.	Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB1	District 3	Option 1		Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB1	District 9	Option 1		Jackson	DAVIS, JOHN R
GB1	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB1	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB1	District 8	Option 1		Gaston	HENRY, SCOTT T
GB1	District 3	Option 2	Should open on 11-19 saturday.	Wake	LYLE, JOSEPH J
GB1	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB1	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	HOWELL, DOUGLAS L
GB1	District 2	Option 1	Because hunting is more than shooting, hunting on the first day of the first season only should begin at noon. A noon opening evens the opportunities of those who live close to shooting and of the many who live at a distance. This change would also make difficult the occasional practice by some of shooting two limits, one in the morning, another in the evening.	Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
GB1	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DOUGHERTY, CLYDE W
GB1	District 1	Option 2	Would like to see the second season moved further back into January	Chowan	DAUGHETY, WILLIAM K
GB1	District 6	Option 1		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB1	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB1	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB1	District 2	Option 1	Would really like for WRC to petition USFWS to allow compensatory days for Sunday like they do for waterfowl. I'm not in favor of Sunday hunting so opening it up then would not do me any good.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB1	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB1	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB1	District 2	Option 1		New Hanover	Richard JR, Edwards
GB1	District 2	Option 1		Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB1	District 6	Option 1		Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D
GB1	District 2	Option 2	First thanks for the opportunity to give feedback to this survey. 1 For opening day only open at noon not daylight. This has been change back and forth over the years and I think it is more traditional to start at noon. 2 Is it possible since Sunday's are counted as a day for the 90 day total season, to be allowed starting at 1pm. Also if Sunday is possible, change the opening day to September 1st for the opening each year. 3 Change the bag limit back to 12 doves per day. It seems to me that Dove population have declined in the South Eastern County's of our State.	New Hanover	WALKER JR, GEORGE H

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB1	District 4	Option 1		Cumberland	MANN, STEVEN E
GB2	District 6	Option 1		Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D
			Unless we have unusually warm weather in December and January west of I-95 woodcock aren't here to hunt. The ground freezes, they can't poke their beak in the ground and therefore leave. Please open the season in October so we at least have a wild bird to hunt with bird dogs since they're are very few quail and grouse to hunt.	Surry	SWAIM, RICHARD K
GB2	District 7	Option 2		Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB2	District 2	Option 1	Keep it late as possible	Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB2	District 1	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
GB2	District 2	Option 1	The season proposed excellently brackets availability of woodcock in the coastal area.	Buncombe	MALLICOAT, ROBERT D
			Please consider an East/West Zone (I-77 dividing line) to allow mountain grouse hunters to shoot woodcock in Oct-Nov. By mid-December cold weather has driven most woodcock out of the mountains. Remember, the state does go to the west past Charlotte!	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB2	District 9	Option 2		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB2	District 1	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB2	District 2	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB3	District 2	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB3	District 1	Option 1		Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D
GB3	District 1	Option 1		Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB3	District 6	Option 1		Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB3	District 2	Option 1			
GB4	District 2	Option 1			
			The rail season should go through the 1st week of October so you can shoot them during the 4 day early duck season. We get shot opportunities regularly during the 4 day early duck season. Please consider this when you set the rail season.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB4	District 1	Option 2		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB4	District 2	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
GB5	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB5	District 3	Option 2	Sept. 10 - Sept. 24	Wake	LYLE, JOSEPH J
			Please allow teal hunting west of hwy 17. Many teal pass through these areas and would open additional opportunities	Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB5	District 5	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB5	District 1	Option 1		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB5	District 6	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB5	District 8	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W
GB5	District 5	Option 1			
			Would propose 9/10 thru 9/28. This would give us a additional weekend to hunt instead of biasing toward week days only.	Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
GB5	District 6	Option 2		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB5	District 2	Option 1			
			This season should be opened Statewide and not just east of Hwy 17. VA has a successful state wide season, it's split into 2 zones with different season dates in VA.	Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB5	District 5	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB5	District 1	Option 1			



Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB5	District 3	Option 1	I would like to see the teal season opened throughout the state instead of East of 17	Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB5	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB5	District 6	Option 2	I would propose Sept 8th through the 26th to give hunters another weekend opportunity.	Cabarrus	MITCHELL II, WILLIAM T
GB5	District 5	Option 2	Allow teal season west of highway 17	Alamance	SMITH, DYLAN K
GB5	District 2	Option 1	Keep it as late as possible	Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB5	District 6	Option 1		Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D
GB5	District 2	Option 1	I would ask to shorten this season t add to the late season dates	Onslow	RIDDLE JR, DONALD R
GB5	District 2	Option 1	Best choice as it takes it out to the latest possible day allowed.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB5	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB5		Option 1			GREEN, JAMES M
GB5	District 2	Option 2	Duck Season dates need to be pushed back one month in North Carolina. The season begins early and ends early in North Carolina. Ducks have not fully migrated by season end.	Greene	HEAD, DAVEY R
GB5	District 2	Option 2	We've missed a lot of opportunities for birds the last few years since the season has been shifted to the end of September. Most of the birds have been coming through late august and early Sept. Strongly request the season be moved to start Sept 1.	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB6	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB7	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB8	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB9	District 3	Option 1		Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB9	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB9	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB9	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB9	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB9	District 3	Option 2	I know that you cannot go into February, but the migration doesn't seem to arrive until the end of January! Otherwise, I wish you would merge the second season in with the first.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
GB9	District 6	Option 1		Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
GB9	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
			General season should run into the middle of February. Cold weather and migration over the years show ducks showing up late. Youth season is probably the best week of the whole season as far as bird numbers. Even the wardens I have spoke with agree. Also, impoundments should be monitored for baiting because everyone knows it goes on especially in Hyde County and yet is accepted. Public hunting is horrible. We need to do more to attract waterfowl in this state. Our bird numbers are drastically down over the last 5 years. I hunt probably more than 90% of waterfowl hunters; NC hands down has become the worst place I know to hunt, especially for public hunters. I've been at it for 40 years and baiting on public and private waters is unreal. Especially by guides on public water, but again it's acceptable. Thanks.		
GB9	District 4	Option 2		Harnett	JOHNSON, KEITH R
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	DAUGHETY, WILLIAM K
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	WHITE, W R
GB9	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB9	District 6	Option 1		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB9	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB9	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	HOWELL, DOUGLAS L
GB9	District 4	Option 1	The duck season needs to end as late as possible.	Cumberland	WARREN JR, JAMISON L
GB9	District 2	Option 1	IF thats the best uncle sam can let us do then so be it.	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	HESTER, ROBERT W
GB9	District 2	Option 2	Would like to see the frame work extended into February	New Hanover	Richard JR, Edwards
GB9	District 4	Option 1		Harnett	BRIDGERS II, TONY L
			I believe that in the areas that I hunt (Pamlico River, Pamlico Sound, and its surrounding tributaries) the October season, and the majority of the second split season is generally a total waste of a duck hunter's time and money. Historically speaking, generally the ducks that frequent this area do not show up in enough numbers to produce a decent hunt until around the middle to end of December and only then if the weather in the breeding grounds cools enough to force them South. I would love to see the season begin in the middle of December and run through the first two weeks of February in order to offer duck hunters more opportunities for a quality hunt. I know that this is feasible, as the "youth days" already extend into this time frame.		
GB9	District 2	Option 2		Beaufort	Watkins, Tyler N
			I would like to see the november-december season shifted, so there would only be 2 splits, the first and the second being continuous through january 28 or 29. It seems (especially in the past few seasons) that most of the waterfowl have been showing up later in the final split. I think that moving the second split closer to the third split would give hunters a better opportunity to harvest waterfowl. This also makes the season easier to remember when it comes in and out. Thank you		
GB9	District 5	Option 2		Durham	SUMMERLIN, CHRISTOPHER T

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB9	District 2	Option 2	NC duck season needs to begin and end later in the year. Peak waterfowl numbers are in February. Still hot enough for mosquitos to take you down in October.	Greene	HEAD, DAVEY R
GB9	District 2	Option 2	No Oct. dates Nov. 19- Dec. 10 Dec. 17- Feb. 11 At least give us first 2 weeks in Feb.	Greene	TAYLOR, RODNEY K
GB9	District 7	Option 2	The Ducks have been getting here later and later each year. Season should be no more than 2 segments ending on the 1/28 and counting back with no more than a 1 week break. Break between the 12/10 to 12/17. As long as we can't hunt Sunday, this is what the schedule needs to be.	Alexander	LEDFORD, CLAYTON D
GB9	District 5	Option 2	Move October 5-8 dates on to last split when more birds are actually in state.	Durham	TINGEN, DENNIS E
GB9	District 3	Option 2	open earlier in November and close first season Saturday after Thanksgiving.	Johnston	LAMPE, ROSS W
GB9	District 2	Option 1	Maybe Nov. 5 - 26 and Dec. 17 to Jan. 31	Beaufort	HAWLEY, JOSEPH T
GB9		Option 1	Like the 3 splits. Gives the birds a rest.		GREEN, JAMES M
GB9	District 2	Option 2	We need opportunities to hunt late in the season. Too often we have no ducks during the season then when it closes we have ducks everywhere... Just a couple weeks later would increase our harvest, joy and heritage of hunting.	Onslow	WALKER, SCOTT A
GB9	District 8	Option 2	Thank you for finally posting or the consideration of posting of the dates ahead of the normal late August date this will give all Hunters, Guides, Hotels time to book way in advance. I would like to see the season going to the latest stopping date possible coming from federal recommendations as the waterfowl tend to arrive later in the season in North Carolina. Weather conditions the last few seasons have been warm until almost end of season . Thank You Mark	Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB9	District 5	Option 1	I see that the "framework" states that 1/29 is the latest our season can go. I would love the season to stretch into February! Seems like our winters are getting warmer and that a lot of times we don't start getting birds until the north starts freezing up. Seems like our season just starts getting good the last few weeks and then it's over..... Thanks!	Granville	THEDIECK, THOMAS A
GB9	District 1	Option 2	The season should be as normal end the Saturday after thanksgiving and back in the second Saturday in December would be the 10th	Dare	PARKER JR, JAMIE S
GB9	District 2	Option 1	Would be nice to open the October segment a week or two later. All of NC will have more birds arriving here and the wood ducks (reason why we have Oct. session) will still be here. Later October usually means cooler and more favorable and comfortable conditions for all.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB9	District 6	Option 2	Extend season till end of January	Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	JOHNSON, HUNTER K
GB9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SHELTON, JAMES R
GB9	District 2	Option 2	Don't want the early portion. Could use more colder weather days	Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB9	District 1	Option 2	Is it possible to push all seasons back by a week or two? Whether it's climate change or other factors, birds aren't arriving as early as they used to and it seems to get worse every year. I propose the same number of huntable days just pushed back further on the calendar and going further into 2017.	Bertie	ROSE, JORDAN V



Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB9		Option 2	The last split season needs to be pushed back a few weeks. Take the days from the early or mid season splits. The cold weather hasn't typically arrived until after the season has passed.		CURRY, ANDREW
GB9	District 5	Option 2	I think duck season needs to come in later. Most ducks have not shown up by the time the November season comes in. It seems like NC misses "the big push" of ducks because the winters are now staying warmer and the cold weather doesn't come around until mid January-February. The last 2 years the ducks have shown up in February when I have taken my brother for the youth hunt. It would be nice to get in on that action.	Alamance	SMITH, DYLAN K
GB9	District 3	Option 2	I have been hunting ducks since age 8. I study ducks, and I have always kept a journal of each day I hunt. I truly wish that the duck season could be extended at least one more weekend past January. That seems to be a peak point in the migration for our area. In addition the extra days could be removed by either eliminated the October season, and/or removing the first week of the November season. Thanks, William Craft	Wilson	CRAFT, WILLIAM T
GB9	District 6	Option 2	I do not believe an October season is needed. With the changing weather patterns and delays in migration, those days and possibly some days in the November season should be used to push the last season further into February maybe by a week or two. If that is not possible, make the late season as long as possible.	Cabarrus	MITCHELL II, WILLIAM T
GB9	District 6	Option 2	Start with last day allowed by Feds. Count back 60 hunting days. That's your start. Weather is not good for early seasons any more. Don't fight it any longer.	Mecklenburg	ROLLINS JR, ROBERT R
GB10	District 1	Option 1	Let it stay in until the 31st	Dare	PARKER JR, JAMIE S
GB10	District 2	Option 1	I hunt sea ducks a lot. I favor the 60 consecutive day season over the general duck season dates because there will be NO birds here those first 4 days of an early October season and also because it would preclude the hunting of them during the two week "split" in December. Hunters such as myself will take advantage of those two weeks, thus extending my waterfowling pursuits.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB10	District 6	Option 2		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB10	District 2	Option 1	OPTION 3. 60 DAYS CONSECUTIVE DAYS(NOV 5-JAN14) Best Seaducking is over before January. It's nice to hunt without the duck dynasty crowd running all over the sound. Our guides and local businesses would like to have some business during the no duck periods.	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB10	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB10	District 2	Option 1	This gives more days to hunt ducks. Do not match it with regular season.	Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB10		Option 2	Easier to enforce rules and regs is all the same. Option 1 will allow more non general duck season days and put more pressure on birds.		GREEN, JAMES M
GB10	District 2	Option 2	Scoters are the primary bird that I hunt, and usually the opportunity to take buffleheads or other diving ducks comes along as a bonus. Since the scoter season will be limited to 60 days, it seems to make more sense that their harvest goes along with the regular duck season. Although Oct. 5-8 will be 4 wasted days since there are practically zero scoters here in that time frame.	Beaufort	HAWLEY, JOSEPH T

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB10	District 5	Option 1	Option 2 is useless for sea ducks.	Durham	TINGEN, DENNIS E
GB10	District 2	Option 1		New Hanover	Richard JR, Edwards
			As a long time guide with a focus on sea ducks, I feel it's imperative to run this season concurrently. Typically, they don't show up until November and for those of us who depend on hunting for a portion of our livelihood we need to be able to hunt them when they're here. Especially when we have endured a season like this past one when for a good portion - they were the only game in town. I am not an expert by any means, but from what I have read through various studies prepared by multiple agencies and universities - there seems to be very little understanding in the breeding of these birds and I am afraid they jump to the conclusion that the answer is shut it down. The mortality rate by hunting has to be minimal when compared to dabblers and divers. Maybe they should focus on stopping habitat loss and degradation before always slapping the people who pay the lion's share of the conservation money. Anyway, enough of my preaching. Thanks for what you do, and please make the right		
GB10	District 2	Option 1		Carteret	BOONE, JAY W
			The sea ducks never get here till the middle of November no reason to have a season before that. The drakes don't start showing up until December, so letting the season come in later will help the hens. Everyone would rather shoot drakes, but when hens are the only game around....		
GB10	District 4	Option 1		Harnett	BRIDGERS II, TONY L
			i think the season should run consecutive. We need to be able to hunt the seaducks when they are here in good numbers. So later in the season I think is best. Jennettes Guide Service		
GB10	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	GIBBS, EVERETT L
GB10	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	HOWELL, DOUGLAS L
GB10	District 2	Option 2		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB10	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
			Sea ducks get a lot of undue pressure during the two week break. Also lets the game wardens regulate more efficiently.		
GB10	District 1	Option 2		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB10	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB10	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W
GB10	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB10	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB10	District 6	Option 2		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB10	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
			Cutting the sea duck season is definitely a good idea. Their population has definitely dropped off the last few years. They have been hunted extremely hard in particular by hunting guides in particular. On top of that the amount of wanton waste I've witnessed is disgusting. Many of the clients don't even keep them. They take pictures of them holding the birds and then throw them away. Keeping the sea duck hunting hunting dates with the regular duck hunting dates would be a good idea also.		
GB10	District 1	Option 2		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB11	District 3	Option 1		Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB11	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB11	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D

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GB11	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB11	District 5	Option 2	To capitalize on the resident population, the season should extend through end of Feb or March 10th. Example end the season on March 10th and open 80 days prior.	Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB11	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB11	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W
GB11	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DOUGHERTY, CLYDE W
GB11	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	DAUGHETY, WILLIAM K
GB11	District 6	Option 1		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB11	District 8	Option 1	However, I believe the resident canada season should begin September 1 and close earlier....	Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB11	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB11	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB11	District 2	Option 1		Craven	PETRITSCH, ROBERT E
GB12	District 3	Option 2	It's not clear to me why the season has to end on December 31, when other parts of the state go into February. Why not a third split in early February, or at least extend the season into January?	Wake	BRANDMAN, KEVIN R
GB12	District 3	Option 1	The proposed dates provided by the federal framework appear reasonable. This comment is more related to the overpopulation of migratory Canada Geese in a residential suburb of Raleigh. Economically, the geese may be a human food source, provide valuable down insulation, create business opportunities for their removal, enhance sports related spending on lodging/ammo/supplies, etc. Locally, some geese appear to be conditioned to settlement and not seasonal migration. They are seen walking on sidewalks, swimming in municipal water supplies, and in parking lots. The geese sometimes hiss at people and frequently foul the sidewalks with problematic fecal material. Their presence may be biologically beneficial (by excluding more troublesome species), or harmful (by creating a nuisance). However, this fairly recent population growth should be a factor in setting bag limits throughout the Canada goose migratory flyway to maximize economic benefits while conserving our resources.	Wake	Gassaway, Daniel G
GB12	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB12	District 4	Option 1	they don't show up till Jan 1	Harnett	BRIDGERS II, TONY L
GB12	District 5	Option 2	I would like this season to match the Resident population zone. There seems to be a big increase in goose numbers in this area over the past several years; probably being attributed to local resident geese mixing in with the migrating geese. This would give hunters an increased chance to bag a goose during the late season, also decreasing local goose populations. I have seen number increases especially in halifax, northhampton, durham and wake counties.	Durham	SUMMERLIN, CHRISTOPHER T
GB12	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB12	District 5	Option 2	I would like to see the southern james bay goose season fall in line with the resident season. It gets confusing for us hunters who hunt between these two zones whether or not we can harvest a goose on any given day.	Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB12	District 6	Option 2	We have dealt with this SJB zone for years. I would like to see some data published proving a few counties in NC make a difference in a subspecies of canada goose population. I don't know of anyone who has shot a SJB banded goose, so how do we even know that the population is (still)migrating to specific NC counties? There should be a statewide goose season.	Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB12	District 5	Option 2	I completely disagree with the SJB zone. This zone should be merged with the resident zone and resident zone seasons adopted. The SJB zone is located in counties with most of the larger metro areas in the State and a very high resident population exist in these same areas. If research is needed, conduct surveys in the the SJB zone during summer months when SJB migratory birds are in SJB.	Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB12	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB12	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB13	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB13	District 5	Option 2	Goose zones should be revisited	Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB13	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB13	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB13	District 1	Option 1	Need to increase bag limit to 2 a day.	Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB13	District 1	Option 1		Chowan	DAUGHETY, WILLIAM K
GB13	District 5	Option 2	Would like to see this changed to allow hunting the entire month of January	Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB13	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB13	District 2	Option 2	There is no reason for this season any longer. Area is over run with resident geese. Special restrictions are having no effect on migrating geese.	Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB13	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB13	District 2	Option 2	There are thousands upon thousands of geese in Hyde county every winter. Also every spring and summer and fall. I believe the northeast should be put into the resident hunt zone and allowed a longer season/greater bag limit.	Beaufort	HAWLEY, JOSEPH T
GB13	District 1	Option 2	I would recommend removing the NE section of Bertie County from the NE Hunt Zone. I have two inland swamps that keep the same groups of geese year round. Those birds are resident birds yet I cannot hunt them. Also, my family has waterfront property on the Chowan where I scout 2-3 days per week during duck season. The same group of 36-40 geese are there in December as well as July, again, resident birds.	Bertie	ROSE, JORDAN V
GB13	District 1	Option 1	I do not feel that there is a real understanding of the patterns of the Northern Migratory flock. I do believe we are guessing as we set harvest levels.	Dare	JOHNSON, HUNTER K
GB14	District 3	Option 1	Please consider pursuing public game lands in the northern coastal part of the State on which to hunt snow geese. Currently, a person must go through an outfitter, which is costly, happen to know of an agreeable landowner, or use a boat. The birds are destroying their habitat and the seasons are generous, so it makes sense for the WRC to have a number of fields in NE NC.	Wake	BRANDMAN, KEVIN R
GB14		Option 1			GREEN, JAMES M
GB14	District 2	Option 2	Open special season as soon as no other season is open	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W



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GB14	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB14	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB14	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB14	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB14	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB14	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB14	District 3	Option 1	You need game land fields in the NE portion of the state to allow hunters the opportunity to hunt these birds without having to pay an outfitter.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
GB14	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB15	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB15	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB15	District 3	Option 1	You need game land fields in the NE portion of the State to allow hunters the opportunity to hunt these birds without paying an outfitter or having to rent farmland.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
GB15	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB15	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB15	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB15	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB15	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB15	District 2	Option 2	MOve it as early as all other seasons close	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB16	District 2	Option 1	If there are less birds then give more opportunities. Regulate by limit, not assumption of guilt.	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB16	District 1	Option 2		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB16	District 2	Option 2		New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB16		Option 2	Reduce the pressure on brant.		GREEN, JAMES M
GB16	District 2	Option 2	I enjoy hunting brant, but with the limit already set at 1 bird there's not much point in targeting them. Hopefully having a 30 day season would give the population a break and there will be better numbers in the future.	Beaufort	HAWLEY, JOSEPH T
GB16	District 4	Option 2		Cumberland	MEURER, CURTIS A
GB16	District 1	Option 2	Concur that if Brant population is not expanding, season should be reduced. However, since NC takes only a fraction of the season take of the Atlantic Population, we should not be taking action if the states farther north do not also take action	Chowan	HOWELL, DOUGLAS L
GB16	District 8	Option 2		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB16	District 9	Option 2	Since brants have suffered severe declines, I see no sense in hunting them AT ALL. Give them a year for the populations to stabilize and revisit the subject of a hunt next year. Having even a limited 30-day hunt could further hurt the population badly, in which case we may be forced to look at ways to boost their population next year. Just err on the side of caution and take a year off.	Macon	Strain, Cynthia a
GB16	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W
GB16	District 6	Option 2		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB16	District 5	Option 2		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB16	District 2	Option 2		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P

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GB16	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB16	District 1	Option 2		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB17	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB17	District 3	Option 1		Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB17	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB17	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB17	District 3	Option 1		Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
GB17	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB17	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB17	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	GWALTNEY, GREYSON W
GB17	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DOUGHERTY, CLYDE W
GB17	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
GB17	District 6	Option 1		Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB17	District 5	Option 1	Petition the Fed for more permits!	Orange	LAMB JR, JOHN T
GB17	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB17	District 6	Option 2	I would say the whole 90 days should be used which would put the opening some where closer to Nov 2nd. Swans are a nuisance bird in most areas of NC and I would recommend increasing the permit count.	Cabarrus	MITCHELL II, WILLIAM T
GB17	District 1	Option 2	What about youth days? They would be outside of the framework. There should be additional youth only permits.	Dare	JOHNSON, HUNTER K
GB17	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB17	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB17	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB18	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
GB18	District 2	Option 1	Good Common Sense at work here.	Pitt	WHITLEY, ROBERT W
GB18	District 2	Option 1		New Hanover	Richard JR, Edwards
GB18	District 1	Option 1		Hyde	NEWMAN III, THOMAS E
GB18	District 2	Option 1	Why did WRC change the age requirement for a "youth" to 17 or younger? While I'm all for hunter recruitment, you've just opened the door for driving, college age adults (in my mind) to outcompete for public spots the real youths that need mentoring. I see it all the time on game lands, as many as 6-7 high schoolers hunting one place and doing stuff that quite frankly leaves a bad taste in waterfowler's mouths. Change it back to what it was before.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB18	District 2	Option 1	I was very happy when the state of NC went to two youth days, and it should continue.	Beaufort	HAWLEY, JOSEPH T
GB18		Option 1			GREEN, JAMES M
GB18	District 4	Option 1	Best days ever!!	Harnett	BRIDGERS II, TONY L
GB18	District 1	Option 1	Make sure we can hunt swan these days. There should be additional swan tags for youth.	Dare	JOHNSON, HUNTER K

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB18	District 5	Option 2	One year there was a youth day in between the November season and the Decemeber season. I think that's how it should be. The first push of ducks always seem to show up in between the 2 seasons. Plus it is not as cold then as it would be in February, that way more kids would want to go and enjoy being out there more when it's not as cold.	Alamance	SMITH, DYLAN K
GB18	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
GB18	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, JOHN B
GB18	District 1	Option 2		Chowan	HOWELL, DOUGLAS L
GB18	District 6	Option 1	Though my own children have aged-out of youth days, I need to say thank you for providing youth days for deer, turkey, and waterfowl on prime dates for success. I will continue to take other youth hunters, and help guide my friends' kids to pass on the heritage to the next generation.	Cabarrus	HAWKINS, ANTHONY D
GB18	District 1	Option 1		Dare	WHITE, W R
GB18	District 6	Option 1		Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
GB18	District 5	Option 1		Person	CATES, RICHARD C
GB18	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
GB18	District 2	Option 1		Onslow	DEGAN, BRIAN P
GB18	District 3	Option 1		Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
GB18	District 3	Option 1		Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB18	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB19	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB20	District 3	Option 1	I would like to see the removal of the one week waiting period to harvest black ducks. Outside of hurting the population, I don't think the week is worthwhile.	Wake	HOYLE, BRADLEY D
GB20	District 1	Option 1	Please consider eliminating scoters as a bonus bird in special sea duck areas. Having them included in the regular bag limit would take some pressure off of them.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
GB20	District 3	Option 1	Please consider game land fields in the NE portion of the State, similar to game land dove fields, but that allow for light goose and swan hunting. Currently, a hunter has to go through an outfitter, lease or otherwise obtain permission from a farmer (which can be difficult), or own a boat.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
GB20		Option 1	I believe their should be some kind of season on cormorants. My Great Aunt, Soosoo Fort, has a house with a pond in Whiteville, which is in Columbus County, and it is covered with cormorants who eat her fish. I feel like their must be some kind of season for cormorants because their is no way to remove them. An example of a cormorant season was in South Carolina on the Santee Lakes. The population of cormorants will continue to rise unless their is some kinda of action presented against them. An season needs to be put on cormorants even if it is for a weekend or during the same time as duck season but with a low bag limit. Thank you for your consideration		WOODARD JR, TODD G
GB20	District 6	Option 1	General duck season closes before migration reaches this area.	Davidson	FAUST, JOHN D

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
GB20	District 2	Option 1	There are several issues under consideration regarding waterfowling on GLs. These include safety zone establishments, permitting or limited entry on/around impoundments, and permanent blind locations within impoundments. Most of the hunting public is totally unaware because there has been no info disseminated. PLEASE find a way to inform all hunters when issues like these arise, otherwise we are left out in the dark and only find out about them when they become a new regulation. James Gibson, Jr.	New Hanover	GIBSON JR, JAMES F
GB20	District 1	Option 1	Regarding Swan Permits: I suggest that permits should be FIRST issued to all people who applied during the prior season and did NOT get one before ANY permits are issued to anyone else. After these applicants have been satisfied, a computer draw can be made for other applicants. Those applicants NOT chosen would then be eligible for the following year and would have a preference point. In other words, the 5000 permits would go FIRST to those people who paid money and did not draw the previous year. Another option would be to refund the \$10.00 permit fee if you did NOT get drawn and still keep the preference point. In other words, make the process more transparent. It often seems the same people get permits EVERY year. Thanks.	Gates	MCGINNIS, KEVIN J
GB20	District 8	Option 1	When will we know if the daily bag limits have gone up or down on different species (Ducks) ?	Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A



# EXHIBIT C-3

April 21, 2016



## 2016-17 Migratory Game Bird Gun 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 3 – October 8, November 21 – January 14	15
King & Clapper Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 29) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 1, October 14 – November 21	15
Sora & Virginia Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 29) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 25 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 1, October 14 – November 21	25
Gallinule & Moorhens	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 29) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 1 – October 1, October 14 – November 21	15
Woodcock	Outside Dates: October 1 – January 31 45 days with 2 splits, daily bag of 3	December 15 – January 28	3
Common Snipe	Outside Dates: September 1 – February 28 107 days with 2 splits daily bag of 8	November 14 – February 28	8

Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommendations	
		Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Canada Goose (September season)	<p>Outside Dates: September 1 – 30 (statewide), 30 days daily bag of 15 Special methods: During the September Canada goose season only, the following expanded hunting methods area allowed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extended shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset.</li> <li>2. unplugged guns</li> <li>3. electronic calls</li> </ol> <p>Note: The special methods cannot occur during any other open waterfowl season, e.g., teal season.</p>	<p>September 1 – 30 (statewide)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. extend shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset</li> <li>2. allow use of unplugged guns</li> <li>3. allow use of electronic calls</li> </ol> <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 consecutive days, daily bag of 6, east of U.S. 17 only</p>	<p>September 10 – September 28 (East of U.S. 17 only) (<u>different from earlier proposal</u>)</p>	6
General Duck Season	<p>Outside Dates: September 24 – January 29, 60 days with 3 splits, daily bag of 6</p> <p>Includes a total of 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black duck, 1 mottled duck, and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.</p>	<p>October 5 – October 8, November 12 – December 3, December 17 – January 28</p>	<p>Includes a total of 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 19), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.</p>

			<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	
Species	Frameworks		Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Mergansers	Dates: same as general duck season, daily bag of 5 mergansers with no more than 2 hooded mergansers		Same as general duck season	5 mergansers with no more than 2 hooded mergansers
Coots	Dates: same as general duck season, daily bag of 15 coots		Same as general duck season	15 coots
Special Sea Duck Season (in the special sea duck area)	Outside Dates: September 15 – January 31 60 consecutive days or season must coincide with the general duck season. daily bag of 5 sea ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders and 4 long-tailed ducks		November 21 – January 28	5 sea ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders and 4 long-tailed ducks
Dark Geese (Resident Population Zone) – includes Canada Geese and White-fronted geese	Outside Dates: October 1 – March 10 80 days with 3 splits, daily bag of 5 Canada geese or White-fronted geese singly or in the aggregate		October 5 – October 15, November 12 – December 3, December 17 – February 11	5
Dark Geese (SJBP Zone) – includes Canada Geese and White-fronted geese	Outside Dates: October 1 – December 31 70 days with 2 splits, daily bag of 5 Canada geese or White-fronted geese singly or in the aggregate		October 5 – November 4, November 12 – December 31	5
Dark Geese (Northeast Zone) – includes Canada Geese and White-fronted geese	Outside Dates: December 24 – January 31 14 days with 2 splits, daily bag of 1 Canada goose or White-fronted goose		January 13 – January 28	1 with a valid permit (unlimited point of sale permits available)
Brant	Outside Dates: September 24 – January 31 60 days with a daily bag of 2; 2 splits allowed (USFWS frameworks document omitted mention of 2 splits by mistake)		December 17 – January 28 ( <u>37 days total, different from earlier proposal</u> )	1

		<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	
Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Light Geese (includes snow, blue and Ross' geese) – regular season	Outside Dates: October 1 – March 10 107 days with 3 splits, daily bag of 25 (no possession limit)	October 11 – February 11	25 (no possession limit)
Light Geese (includes snow, blue and Ross' geese) – Conservation Order season	Outside Dates: Must occur when no other waterfowl season is open, no daily bag, no possession limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• electronic calls allowed</li> <li>• unplugged guns allowed</li> <li>• extended shooting hours to ½ hour past sunset allowed</li> </ul>	February 13 – March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no daily bag limit</li> <li>• no possession limit</li> <li>• electronic calls allowed</li> <li>• unplugged guns allowed</li> <li>• allow shooting to extend to ½ hour past sunset</li> </ul>
Tundra Swan	Outside Dates: October 1 – January 31 90 days, no splits allowed, 1 per season with valid permit (5,000 permits available)	November 12 – January 31	1 per season with valid permit
Youth Waterfowl Day(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 youth days allowed</li> <li>• The day(s) can occur up to 14 days before or after any regular duck season or in the closed portion between season segments.</li> <li>• The day must occur on any non-school day. In North Carolina, this includes Saturdays and any statewide holidays.</li> <li>• States may use their established definition of age for youth hunters. However, youth hunters may not be over the age of 17.</li> </ul>	February 4 & February 11	Includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans. Youth must have a valid permit if hunting tundra swans and dark geese (Northeast Hunt Zone)

- 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 C-4

April 21, 2016



## **Extended Falconry Season Highlights & WMD Staff Recommendations for 2016-17 Extended Falconry Seasons for 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	<b>October 15 – October 31</b>
Rails, Gallinule and Moorhens	<b>December 3 – January 7</b>
Woodcock	<b>November 5 – December 3 and February 1 – February 28</b>
Ducks	<b>October 25 – November 5 and January 31 – February 18</b>

# EXHIBIT D

April 21, 2016



## **Staff Recommendations to Allow Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcons From the Wild for Use in Falconry - 2016**

Allocation of the 36 migrating peregrine falcons to be taken from the U.S. east of 100 degrees W longitude continues for 2016. Based upon this allocation, the FWS is allowing the take of 12 fall migrants in 2016 east of 100 degrees W longitude to Atlantic Flyway states. North Carolina is allocated 1 bird.

Based on this allocation of 1 bird for take from within North Carolina, WMD staff recommends that the WRC accept the FWS allocation framework and establish a season in 2016 with the following stipulations.

- Total allowable take is 1 bird during the period from September 20, 2016 through October 20, 2016.
- Any bird taken must be a juvenile.
- Take would be allowed only by permit from the WRC and only east of US Highway 17.
- No banded birds could be taken. Any banded birds captured must be immediately released at the site of capture.
- Permits will be issued through our special hunts permitting system (random).
- An individual issued a permit must have the proper state and federal falconry licenses/permits.
- Each person receiving a permit must complete a post-season survey provided by WMD staff and submit that survey no later than December 15, 2016.

# EXHIBIT E-1

April 21, 2016



## Summary of Public Comments on Temporary Bear Rules

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
H1	Change the bear season in Brunswick and Columbus counties to open on the second Monday in November and close on January 1.	104 :Agree 48 :Disagree	64 :Online 88 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
H2	Allow the take of bears using unprocessed foods during the entire open bear season.	229 :Agree 144 :Disagree	262 :Online 96 :Comment Card 15 :Letter/Email

Summary of Public Comments on Temporary Bear Rules  
by District

Proposal	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	Out of State
H1	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 1 : Agree 0 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 24 : Agree 4 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 5 : Agree 1 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 38 : Agree 9 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 5 : Agree 0 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 2 : Agree 3 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 2 : Agree 1 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 15 : Agree 22 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 12 : Agree 8 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 0 : Agree 0 : Disagree
	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 1 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 19 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 9 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 6 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 25 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 22 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 5 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 5 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 3 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 32 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 5 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 12 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 8 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 0 : Online
H2	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 19 : Agree 3 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 58 : Agree 20 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 20 : Agree 5 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 34 : Agree 23 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 7 : Agree 2 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 8 : Agree 10 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 15 : Agree 6 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 23 : Agree 40 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 36 : Agree 33 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 9 : Agree 2 : Disagree
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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the  
Temporary Bear Rules  
Wildlife Management Division

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing an organization\*:

- 1) Opposed to expanding the use of unprocessed foods (H2)  
NC Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO
- 2) Supports changing the bear season in Brunswick and Columbus counties to open on the second Monday in November and close on January 1 (H1) and supports expanding the use of unprocessed foods (H2)  
NC Bowhunters Association, signed by Jamie Brady, President

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following petition:

- 1) One year's experience of shooting black bears over bait for the first six days of the season is no basis or justification to extend this unproven technique to the entire season in an attempt to increase the kill. The harvest appears to have decreased in 2014 and the 2015 harvest is not reported. Hardly a strong basis to expand this activity that is not allowed on gamelands and that is controversial among many groups of hunters and non-hunters alike. Use of bait to lure black bears into shooting areas could easily shift the harvest to female and young bears. More bait on the ground certainly increases the likelihood of more unwanted conflicts and human interactions with black bears. No urgency has been given to justify adoption of this rule change in the middle of the regular regulations cycle. Why was this change not considered during the regular cycle for 2015-16 hunting regulations? Pressing forward at this time with the baiting change precludes consideration of several legitimate proposals to increase the black bear harvest that are more fair, simple, and effective. Namely, an increase in the bag limit from one to two with one of the kills allowed in a primitive weapons season would work better from all angles. Put this proposal in the next cycle for hunting regulation changes so that alternatives can be evaluated and impacts can be assessed.  
54 signatures

\*Complete letters available upon request.

# EXHIBIT E-2

April 21, 2016



## Temporary Rule-making for 15A NCAC 10B .0202 Wildlife Management Division

Amend 15A NCAC 10B .0202 to change the bear season in Brunswick and Columbus counties to open on the second Monday in November and close on January 1.

Amend 15A NCAC 10B .0202 to allow the take of bears using unprocessed foods during the entire open bear season.

Staff recommends the Commission adopt the following temporary amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0202:

### 15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR

(a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
- (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in all of Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
- (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Brunswick, Columbus, and Robeson County. ~~counties.~~
- (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in all of Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
- (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
- (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Warren, Wake, and Yadkin counties.

(b) Restrictions

- (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain, fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components.
- (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
  - (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum, candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;

- (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
  - (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph, including any extracts of those substances; or
  - (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Rule. ~~from the first open Monday through the following Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule.~~ ~~In counties with a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first segment.~~
- (4) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- (5) ~~Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.~~
- (6)(5) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear sanctuaries:
- Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
  - Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
  - ~~Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary~~
  - Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
  - Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
  - Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
  - Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
  - Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
  - Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
  - Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
  - Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
  - Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
  - Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
  - Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
  - Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
  - Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
  - Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
  - Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
  - Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
  - McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
  - Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
  - Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary
- (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.
- (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

# EXHIBIT F

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Tommy Hughes

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** Bakers Lake

**Acreage:** 1,155

**PIN:** 037800131553

**County:** Bladen

**Estimated Value:** \$ 2,200,000.00 (Asking Price)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Clemuel Johnson

**Phone:** (H) 910-862-3260 (W) 910-862-3943 (C) 910-862-1899

**Address:** P.O. Box 487, Elizabethtown, NC 28337

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, WRC (Wildlife Endowment Fund)

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** This property contains Bakers Lake Carolina Bay and derives its name from the small natural lake within the bay itself. This natural bay lake is a rare ecological and habitat feature and is approximately 75 acres in size. Bakers Lake Carolina Bay is approximately 686 acres and has been identified as a Significant Natural Heritage Area by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program for its special biodiversity significance. It is located in northwestern Bladen County between Suggs Mill Pond Game Land and the Cape Fear River. It lies at the edge of the Bladen Lakes Macrosite, which extends from southern Cumberland County through eastern Bladen County into southwestern Pender County. This bay complex is headwaters for Phillips Creek, which flows southward from the lake to the Cape Fear River.

Within this site, patches of the rare Peatland Atlantic White Cedar Forest community occur along the east side of the bay complex, and larger areas may be present elsewhere within the complex. There is a moderately dense canopy of Atlantic white cedar over an open subcanopy of swamp tupelo and loblolly bay. Fetterbush, southern highbush blueberry, swamp red bay, and blaspheme-vine are prominent in the moderately dense shrub layer. Pond Pine Woodland occurs in a mosaic with the Peatland Atlantic White Cedar Forest community along the east side, and may be more extensive elsewhere at the site. Pond pine forms a moderate canopy over a sparse subcanopy of loblolly bay and swamp red maple. The dense shrub layer is dominated by fetterbush, blue huckleberry, titi, and blaspheme-vine (LeBlond and Grant 2005).

Other acreage within the site consists of 62 acres Dry Coniferous Woodlands that historically supported the Dry Longleaf Pine habitat community. Two hundred acres of Mixed Hardwoods and Pine habitat are also found on the property, along with 11 acres of Floodplain Forest.

The 75 acre lake provides habitat for both resident and wintering waterfowl. Food availability is probably limited, but it has value for loafing, roosting, and as a stopover area for wintering waterfowl. Additionally, 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 tables with habitats and their priority wildlife species.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Bakers Lake Tract's biodiversity index has an estimated averaged score of 7 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). Approximately 850 acres (76%) of the tract scored an 8 and the remaining acreage had scores ranging from 2 to 6. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

**Additional Comments:** Five-year stewardship estimates total approximately \$179,000 as outlined in the attached table. No short-term revenue is anticipated.

## References

LeBlond, R. J. and Grant G. S. 2005. *Natural Area Inventory of Bladen County, North Carolina*. NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, NC Natural Heritage Program. Raleigh, NC.

**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):**

22 of 30

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition   ☐ Defer   ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes   ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area) Baker's Lake (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>1</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>1</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 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** 22

## Bakers Lake Tract – Bladen County

### 5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total	
Boundary Establishment – yr 1	11.3	Mile	\$ 550.00	\$ 6,215.00.00	
Boundary Maintenance – yr 4	11.3	Mile	\$ 135.00	\$ 1,525.50	
Upgrade Road to Lake – yr 1	0.87	Mile	\$150,000.00	\$ 130,500.00	
Maintain Road to Lake – yr 2-5	0.87	Mile	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,700.00	
Maintain Trail – yrs 1-5	1.75	Mile	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 21,875.00	
Establish Gate – yr 1	2	Each	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Maintain Gate – yr 2-5	2	Each	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
Prescribed Burning – yr 1 and 4	262	Acre	\$ 30.00	\$ 7,860.00	
Maintain Firebreak – yr 4	1.0	Mile	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 178,900.50</b>	
<b>5-Year Anticipated Revenue</b>					
*No timber would be cut in the next 5 years.					
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	



**Priority species associated with coastal plain oak forest (& mixed hardwoods/pine):**

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	SC
	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow	
	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	
	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	
	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker	
	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler	
Mammals	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel	
	<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	Eastern Mole	
	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel	SR
Amphibians	<i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>	Spotted Salamander	
	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	Marbled Salamander	
	<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander	SC
	<i>Plethodon glutinosus sensustricto</i>	Northern Slimy Salamander	
	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Eastern Spadefoot	
Reptiles	<i>Cemophora coccinea copei</i>	Northern Scarletsnake	
	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Elaphe guttata</i>	Corn Snake	
	<i>Eumeces laticeps</i>	Broad-headed Skink	
	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	
	<i>Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata</i>	Mole Kingsnake	
	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	
	<i>Virginia valeriae valeriae</i>	Eastern Smooth Earthsnake	

**Priority species associated with coastal plain pocosin habitat:**

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler	
	<i>Dendroica virens waynei</i>	Wayne's Black-throated Green Warbler	
	<i>Helminthos vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler	
	<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E (E)
	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler	
Mammals	<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed Mole	SC
	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel	
	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	Cotton Mouse	
	<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>	Marsh Rabbit	
	<i>Synaptomys cooperi helaetes</i>	Southern Bog Lemming	SR
Amphibians	<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad	SR
	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>	Southern Dusky Salamander	
	<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog	
	<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander	

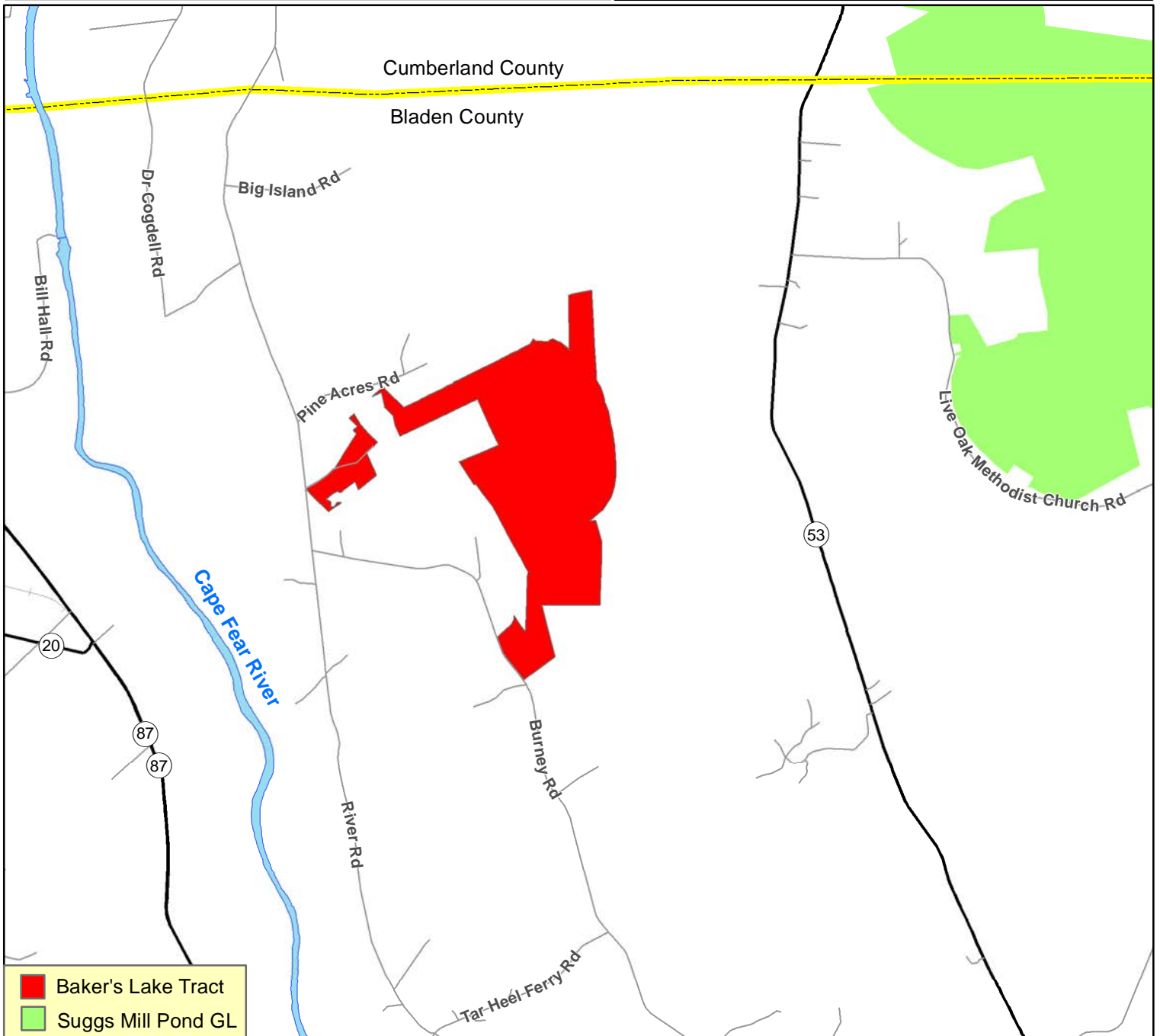
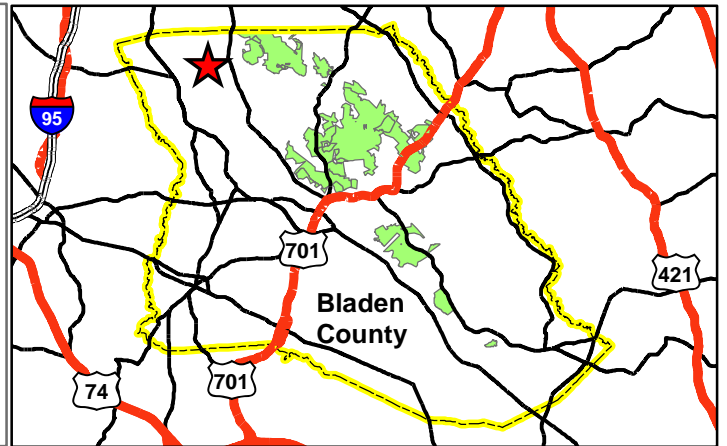
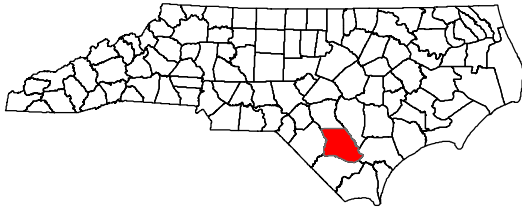
**Priority species associated with coastal plain lakes and reservoirs:**

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga	SR
	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron	SC
	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret	SC
	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen	
	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	T (T)
	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Wood Stork	E (E)
	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	
Reptiles	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American Alligator	T (T)
	<i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell	
	<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Eastern Chicken Turtle	SR
	<i>Farancia abacura abacura</i>	Eastern Mudsnake	
	<i>Farancia erytrogramma erytrogramma</i>	Common Rainbow Snake	
	<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle	
	<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake	SR
	<i>Thamnophis sauritus sauritus</i>	Common Ribbonsnake	

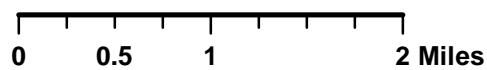
**Priority species associated with coastal plain loblolly/slash pine woodlands:**

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	SC
	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow	SC
	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow	
	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	
	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common Nighthawk	
	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	
	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E (E)
	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Mammals	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat	
	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel	SR
Reptiles	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	
	<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pigmy Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake	

# Baker's Lake Tract Bladen County 1,155 Acres

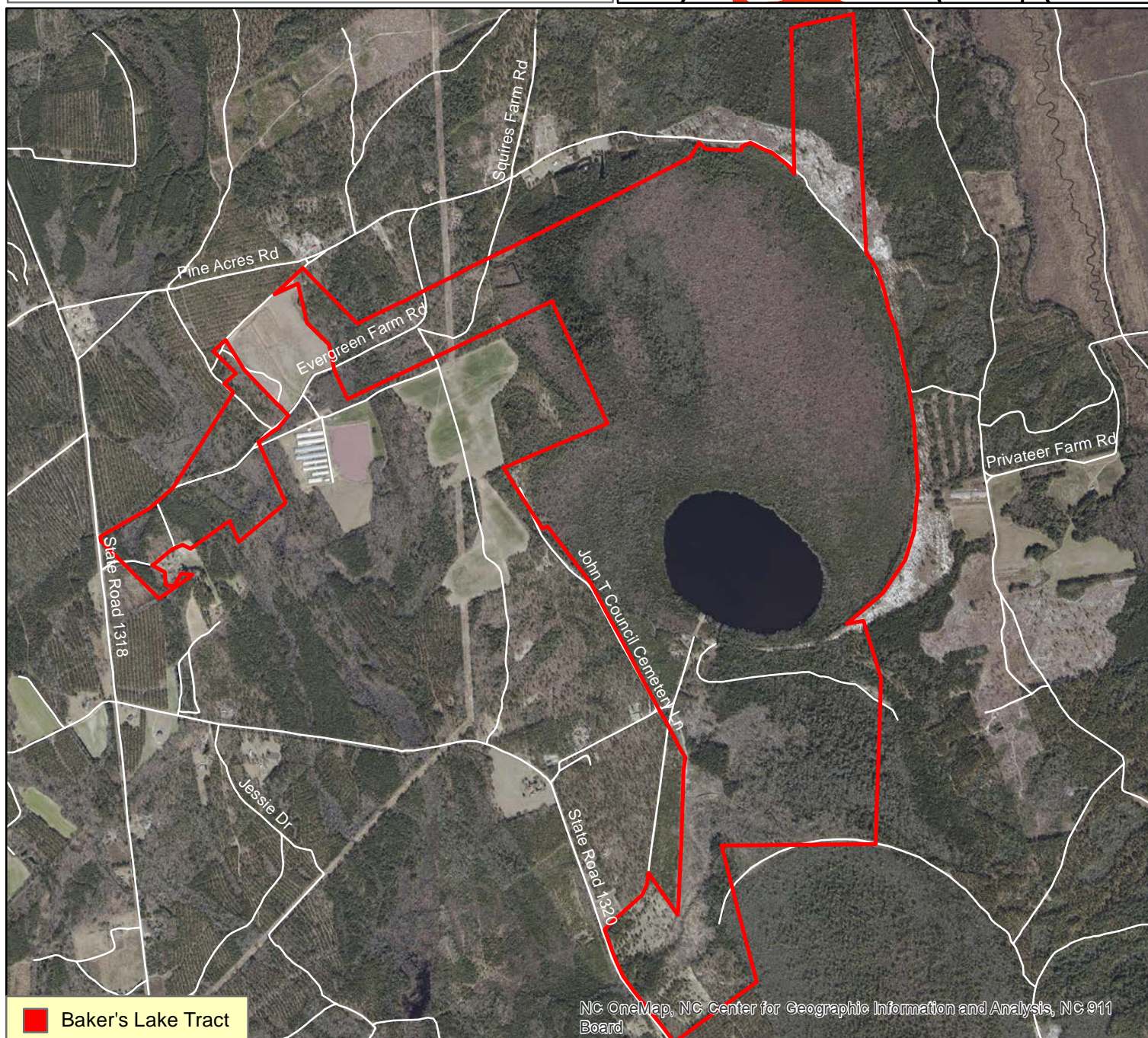
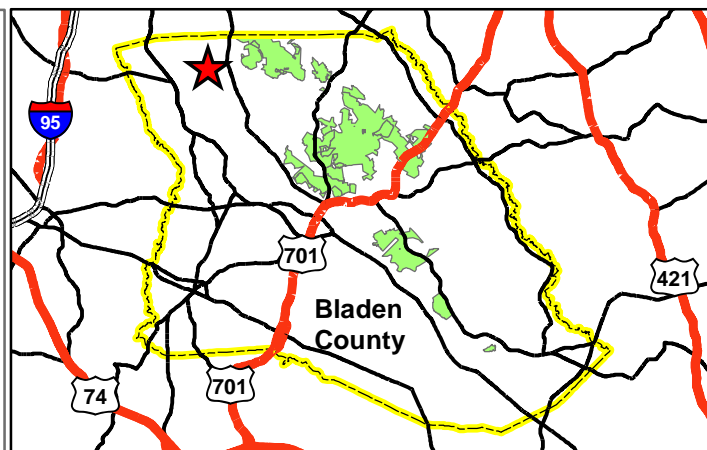
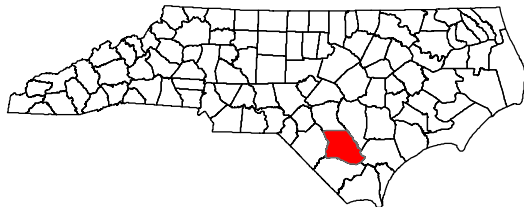


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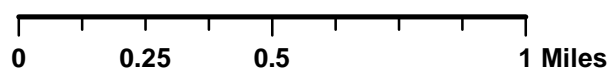




# Baker's Lake Tract Bladen County 1,155 Acres



March 25, 2016



# EXHIBIT G-1

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** Blue Ridge Conservancy 2016 Tracts; Ashe County, 350.7 Acres

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

Accept donation of the property from the Blue Ridge 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)**

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$29,731
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	\$0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Blue Ridge Conservancy Tracts - 2016	Contract survey to locate undefined property boundary	13,585	ft.	\$1.25	\$16,981
	Spot Gravel Access Road	1.0	mi.	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Spot mow annually to maintain existing early successional habitat	NA	NA	NA	\$2,000
	Construct public parking area	1	ea.	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Install gates to control vehicular access	1	ea.	\$750	\$750
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$29,731.00</b>
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

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

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Kip Hollifield

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Game Land:** Pond Mountain Game Land

**Tract Name:** Blue Ridge Conservancy 2016 Tracts

**Parcel ID#:** Braun Tract (Phase II): 17040-001  
Blue Ridge Conservancy Tract: 17040-013

<b>Acreage:</b>	Braun Tract (Phase II):	340.7
	Blue Ridge Conservancy Tract:	<u>10.0</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>350.7</u>

**County:** Ashe

**Estimated Value:** NA – tracts offered as donation

Braun Tract (Phase II): current value \$1,952,000

Blue Ridge Conservancy Tract: current value \$148,500

**Property Owner or Representative:** Blue Ridge Conservancy, c/o Eric Hiegl

**Phone:** 828-264-2511

**Email:** eric@blueridgeconservancy.org

**Address:** P.O. Box 568  
Boone, NC 28607

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ NHTF      ☐ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): NC - Blue Ridge Conservancy wishes to donate both subject tracts to WRC

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** These tracts are part of the Pond Mountain State Natural Heritage Area and lie at elevations ranging from 3,800-4,300 feet. These tracts are “lynch pin” tracts, which once acquired by WRC, will connect the current Pond Mountain Game Land to the Loflin Tract and the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee. The tracts offer the unique opportunity to manage for wildlife species and plants requiring both high elevation meadow habitats and northern hardwood forests. The majority (~80%) of the tracts contain northern hardwood forest types with the forest overstory mainly composed of sugar maple, beech, yellow birch, and northern red oak at the higher elevations with other species mixing in at the lower elevations. The remainder of the tract (~20%) is high elevation meadow habitat. These habitats will provide excellent opportunities to manage for the following NCWAP species: alder flycatcher, American woodcock, Canada warbler, chestnut-sided



warbler, chimney swift, Eastern wood pee-wee, field sparrow, hairy woodpecker, hermit thrush, rose-breasted grosbeak, vesper sparrow, yellow-shafted flicker, and Appalachian cottontail. The extensive streams and riparian areas on the tracts offer opportunity to manage for a host of NCWAP salamanders including: Weller's, pigmy, ravine, and slimy. The tracts also contain many popular game animals such as white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, cottontail rabbit, ruffed grouse, and raccoon. The property has high value for hunting, angling, other dispersed recreational activities, forestry, and scientific and educational purposes. The location and current condition of this tract combine to create an ideal property for inclusion in the Game Lands Program.

**Additional Comments:** Approximately 60% of the funding used by Blue Ridge Conservancy to purchase the tracts was provided by a private donor. The remainder of the funding is represented by a grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. A stipulation of the private donation is that a conservation easement held by Blue Ridge Conservancy be placed on the property. Blue Ridge Conservancy advises that WRC will have input on the language/content of the conservation easement.

**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):**

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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition      ☐ Defer      ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes      ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Pond Mtn GL) Blue Ridge Conservancy 2016 Tracts (Ashe County)

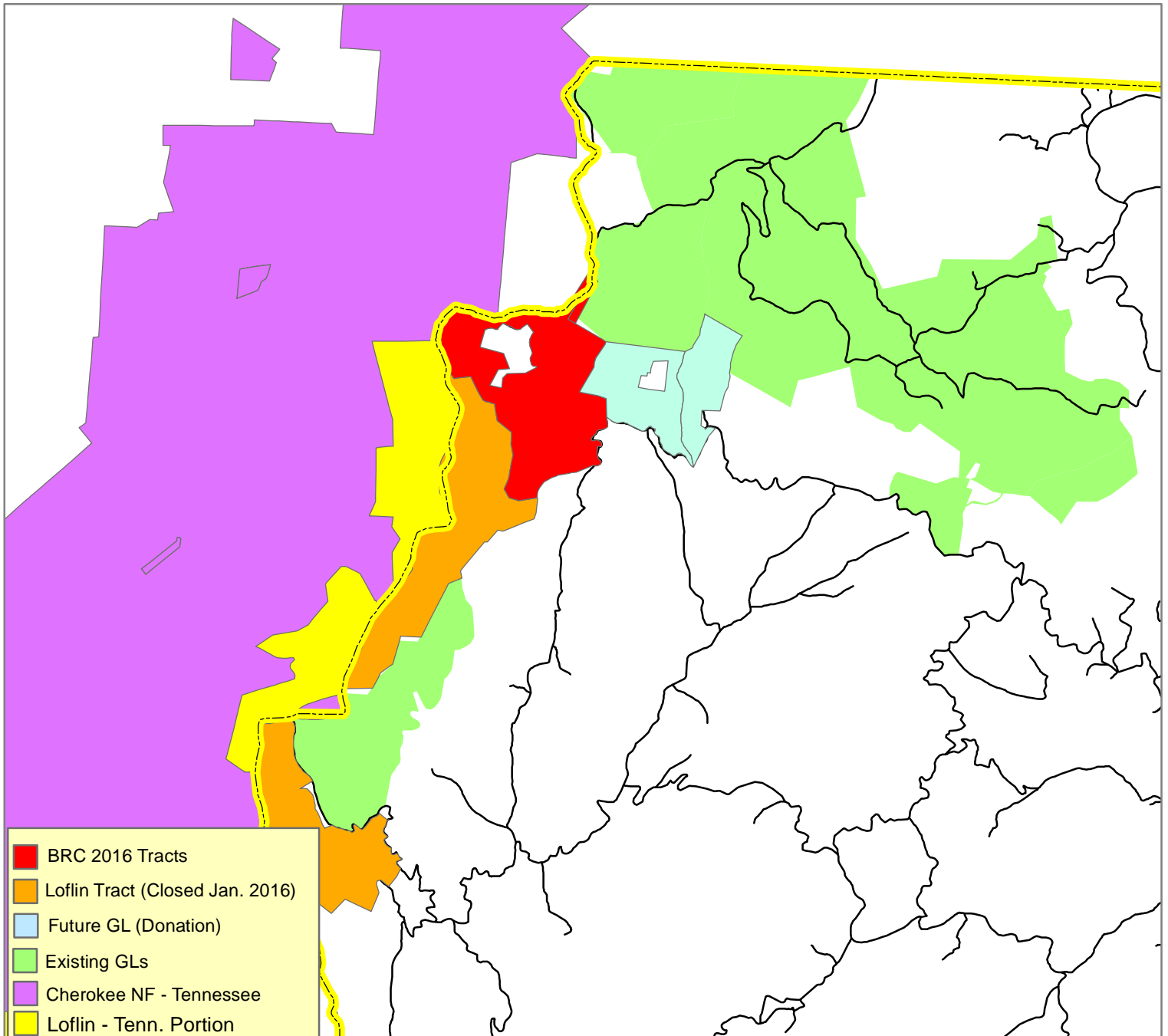
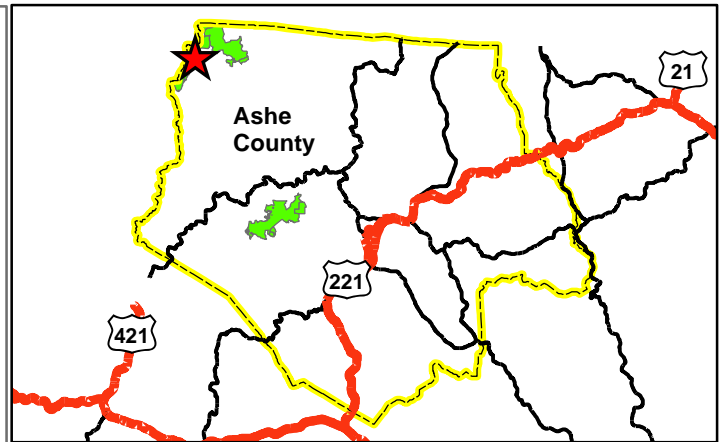
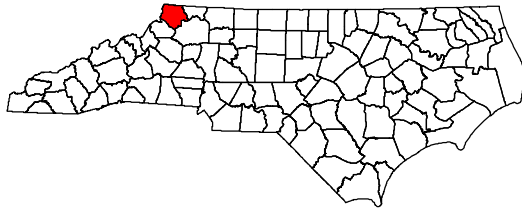
Criterion Score (1-5)  
5=Excellent 1=Poor

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|---|----|--|
| 1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.   | 5  |  |
| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.   | 5  |  |
| 3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.  | 5  |  |
| 4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.                                       | 5  |  |
| 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. | 5  |  |
| 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.                           | 5  |  |
| 7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?  | NA |  |
| 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)?   | NA |  |
| 9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?  | NA |  |

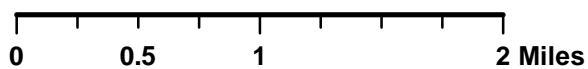
**TOTAL SCORE** 30

Blue Ridge Conservancy 2016 Tracts (Ashe County) - Priority Species			
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Plethodon richmondi</i>	Ravine Salamander		
<i>Plethodon ventralis</i>	Southern Zigzag Salamander		SC
<i>Plethodon wehrlei</i>	Wehrle's Salamander		T
<i>Plethodon welleri</i>	Weller's Salamander		SC
<i>Desmognathus wrighti</i>	Pygmy Salamander		SR
<i>Eurycea longicauda</i>	Longtail Salamander		SC
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Necturus maculosus</i>	Mudpuppy		SC
<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</i>	Hellbender		SC
<i>Hyla versicolor</i>	Gray Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brachyphona</i>	Mountain Chorus Frog		SC
<b>BIRDS</b>			
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon		E
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared Owl		
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Alder Flycatcher		SR
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher		
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo		SR
<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven		
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Bank Swallow		SR
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper		SC
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter Wren		
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	Blue-winged Warbler		SR
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Golden-winged Warbler		SC
<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler		SR
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	Vesper Sparrow		SC
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow		SR
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole		
<b>MAMMALS</b>			
<i>Sorex dispar</i>	Long-tailed Shrew		SC
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	Pygmy Shrew		
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat		
<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	Gray Myotis	LE	E
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis		
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
<i>Neotoma magister</i>	Allegheny Woodrat		SC
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Least Weasel		SR-G
<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
<b>REPTILES</b>			
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
<i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i>	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
<i>Eumeces anthracinus</i>	Coal Skink		SR
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i>	Eastern Milk Snake		

# BRC 2016 Tracts Ashe County 350.7 Acres

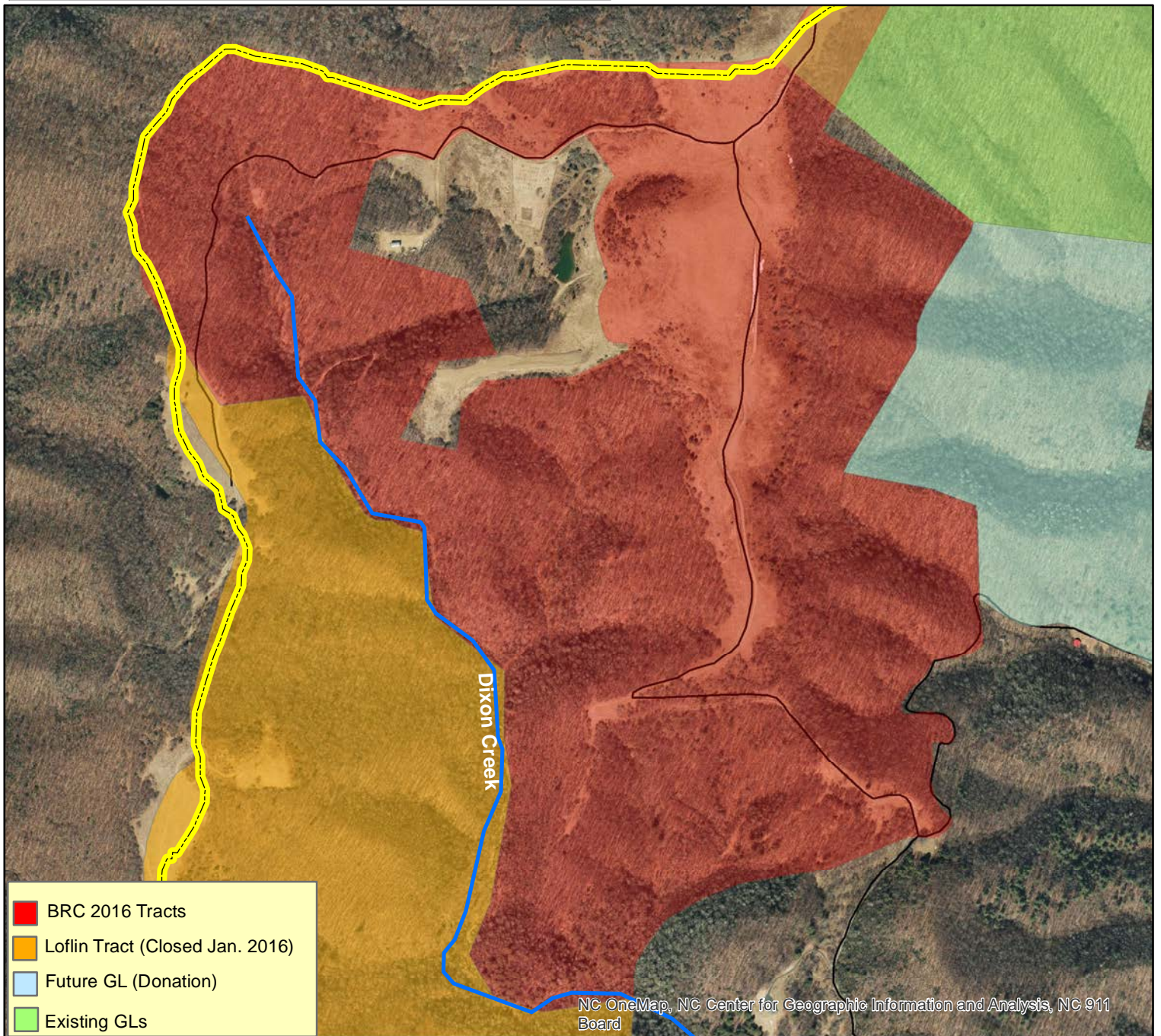
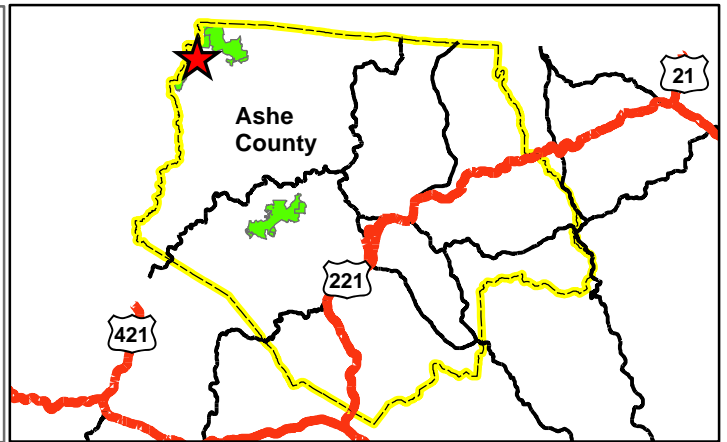
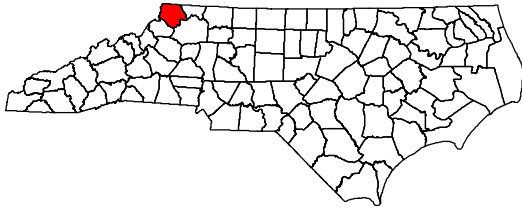


March 27, 2016





# **BRC 2016 Tracts** **Ashe County** **350.7 Acres**



# EXHIBIT G-2

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** Bristol Creek Tracts; Burke County, 14.2 Acres

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

Accept donation of the property from the landowner

**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):**

State Wildlife Grant (65% federal: 35% state)

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

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	200
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	0

**Additional Comments:** NA

**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
Bristol Creek Tracts	Boundary Establishment	1	mi.	\$200	\$ 200
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
	Estimated Revenue Projections				
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Bristol Creek Tracts	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Kendrick Weeks, [kendrick.weeks@ncwildlife.org](mailto:kendrick.weeks@ncwildlife.org), (919) 609-7605  
Gabrielle Graeter, [gabrielle.graeter@ncwildlife.org](mailto:gabrielle.graeter@ncwildlife.org), (828) 273-9097

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** Bristol Creek Tracts

**Acreage:** 14.2

**PIN:** 2716118416 and 2716224176

**County:** Burke

**Estimated Value:** NA – offered as a donation (\$31,238 tax value)

**Property Owner or Representative:**

**Owner:** Smith, R.M. Heirs, c/o James P. Smith  
1432 Kershaw Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609

**Representative:** Foothills Conservancy, c/o Tom Kenney  
P.O. Box 3023, Morganton, NC 28680  
Phone: (828) 437-9930  
Email: [tkenney@foothillsconservancy.org](mailto:tkenney@foothillsconservancy.org)

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): NA – offered as a donation.

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** There is likely a population of bog turtles present and NCWRC owns adjacent parcels encompassing portions of the floodplain of Bristol Creek on the other (Southeast) side of NC 18/US 64. In addition, an upland parcel with a perennial stream that feeds the bog is being included which expands management potential.

**Additional Comments:** Acquisition will provide permanent protection of an additional portion of bog turtle habitat. Concerns are mainly associated with future watershed land use, especially the watershed associated with the unnamed tributary to Bristol Creek. Management of the bog will be much easier once owned by NCWRC. The upland parcel provides buffer and increases management control.

Five-year stewardship estimates are limited to marking and maintaining approx. 1 mile of property boundary at a total cost of approx. \$200.

No short-term revenue is anticipated.



**Program Potential:** ☐ Game Land      ☒ Wildlife Conservation Area    ☐ Fishing Access Area  
☐ None

**Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal: state match rates):**  
State wildlife Grant (65% federal: 35% state)

**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):** 20 of 30

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition      ☐ Defer      ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes      ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name Bristol Creek Wetland – Smith Parcels (Burke 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>3</u>         |
| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.   | <u>3</u>         |
| 3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.  | <u>3</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>2</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>4</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 (WCA)</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** 20 of 30

**Bristol Creek Smith Tract (Burke County) - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Species**

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
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**MUSSELS****NONGAME FISH****AMPHIBIANS**

Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander		SC
Ambystoma maculatum	Spotted Salamander		
Ambystoma talpoideum	Mole Salamander		SC
Eurycea guttolineata	Three-lined Salamander		

**BIRDS**

Empidonax traillii	Willow Flycatcher		
Coccyzus americana	Yellow-billed Cuckoo		
Nyctanassa violacea	Yellow-crowned Night-heron		

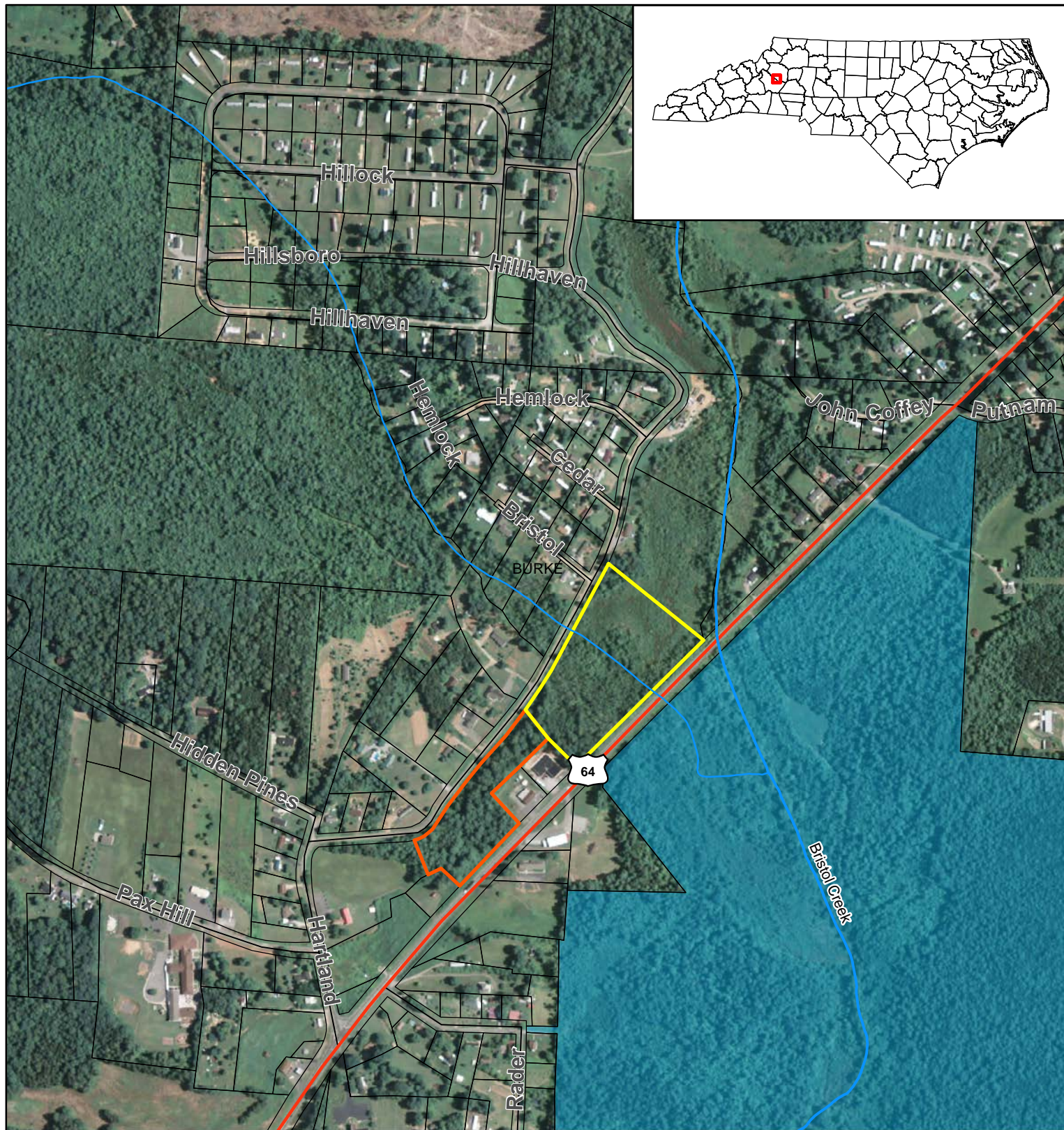
**MAMMALS**

Synaptomys cooperi	Southern Bog Lemming		
Zapus hudsonius	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
Microtus pennsylvanicus	Meadow Vole		
Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat		

**REPTILES**

Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle		T
Lampropeltis getula	Eastern Kingsnake		
Terapene carolina	Eastern Box Turtle		





## Legend

- Johns River Game Land
- Rivers and Streams
- Smith Parcel 2 (~5 acres)
- Smith Parcel 1 (~9 acres)
- US Highways
- NC Roads
- Local Roads

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

# Bristol Creek Wetland Smith Parcels Approx. 14 acres

Map Created by: Kendrick Weeks 3/22/2016



# EXHIBIT G-3

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** March 5, 2015

**Tract:** Deviney 2014 Tract; Rutherford County, 28.5 Acres

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

Pitman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant	\$ 70,500
Wildlife Resources Commission	\$ 29,500
Total Cost:	<u>\$ 100,000 (\$ 3,509/Acre)</u>

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Mike Moore	5/22/15	\$ 94,000 (\$ 3,298/Acre)

**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):**

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:** \$:

**Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:** \$:

**Additional Comments:** Purchase price exceeds appraised value by \$6,000 (approx. 6.4%). However, exceeding appraised value is justified in this case to eliminate the inholding, prevent potential future conflicts, and provide contiguous state ownership within this section of game land.



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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Deviney 2014 Tract	Remove existing GL signs and paint	0.5	mi.	\$200	\$100
	Establish new GL signs	0.5	mi.	\$200	\$100
	Total				\$200
Insert additional rows in table as needed					

REVENUE						
Tract Name	Estimated Revenue Projections					
	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue	
Deviney 2014 Tract	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$	-
	Total					\$
Insert additional rows in table as needed						

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# North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

## -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

**Date First Presented to WRC:** March 5, 2015

**Tract Name:** Deviney 2014 Tract (PIN 1608559)

**Acreage:** 28.5

**County:** Rutherford

**Estimated Value:** \$ 150,000 (asking price - appraised value likely significantly lower)  
Landowner advised that he will accept a "reasonable offer" and that the asking price is not firm.

**Property Owner or Representative:** Jim Deviney

**Phone:** (704) 538-9071

**Address:** 838 Moriah School Road, Casar, NC 28020

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ NHTF      ☒ CWMTF  
☒ OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Federal Funding

### Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

This acquisition would be a significant part of the total management project being carried out in the South Mountains area. Acquisition is particularly important since it would remove an inholding from South Mountains Game Land (SMGL). The current owner's access crosses SMGL for approximately 0.75 mi. The tract is predominately Appalachian oak forest, with some embedded Appalachian cove forest also present. Some timber has been removed in the past 5-10 years. Management objectives will include restoring and maintaining the oak forest and cove forest priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tract. Common wildlife species found on the tract includes wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer and gray squirrel. Priority nongame species likely found on the tract as either permanent residents or transient inhabitants include Cooper's hawk, Sharp-shinned hawk, northern flicker, prairie warbler, yellow billed cuckoo, Eastern wood-pewee, hooded warbler, timber rattlesnake, eastern box turtle, eastern mole, Smoky shrew, pygmy shrew, eastern hog nosed snake, mole kingsnake, and Eastern kingsnake.

This tract is embedded within the Rollins/South Mountains State Natural Area. Both the R and C rating for this natural area are exceptional. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element

within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained.

**Additional Comments:**

Access is via SMGL and is secure.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include removal of one small cabin at an estimated cost of approximately \$2000.

No short-term revenue is anticipated from the tract.

**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
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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition    ☐ Defer    ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes    ☐ No



# WORKSHEET

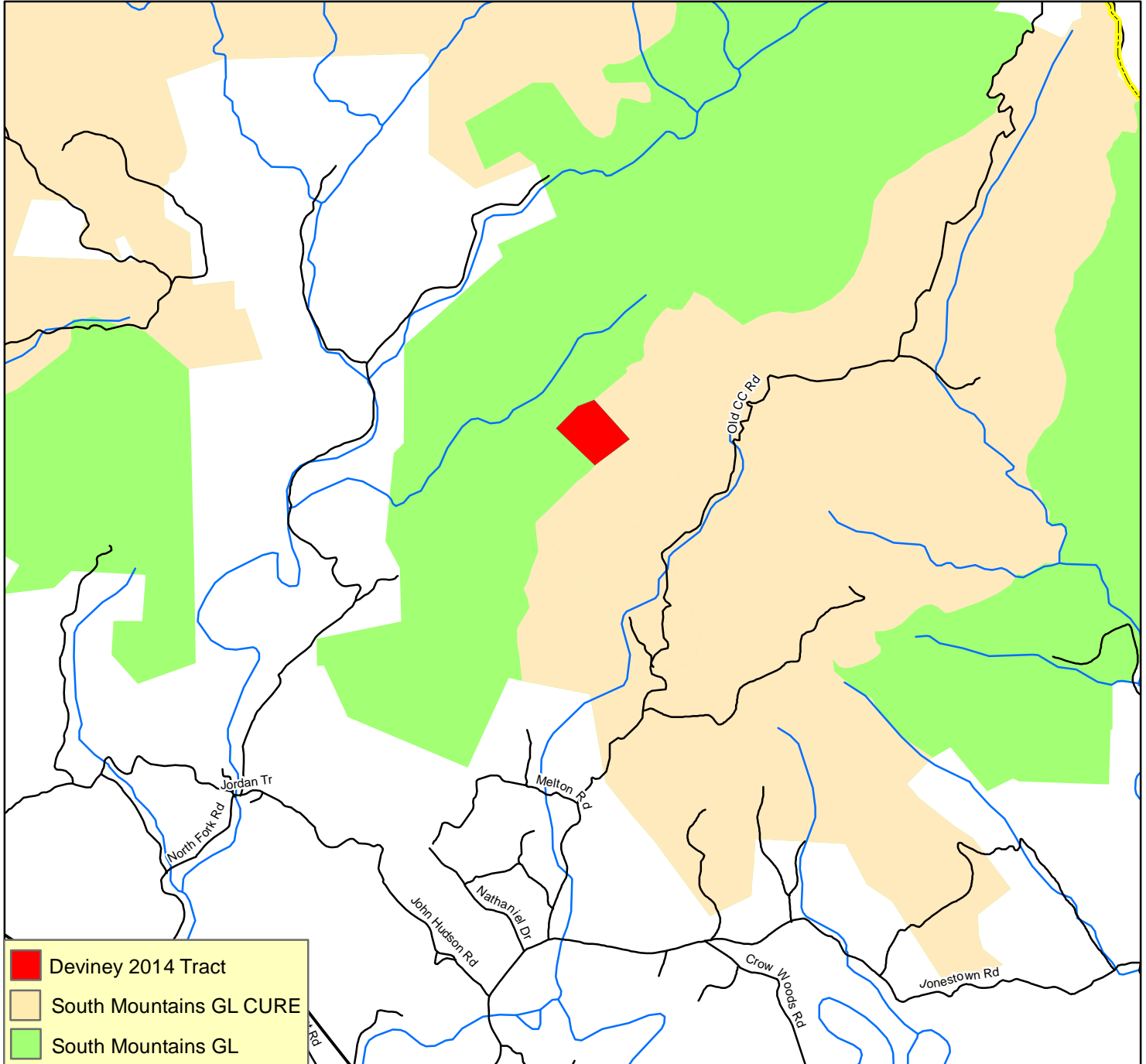
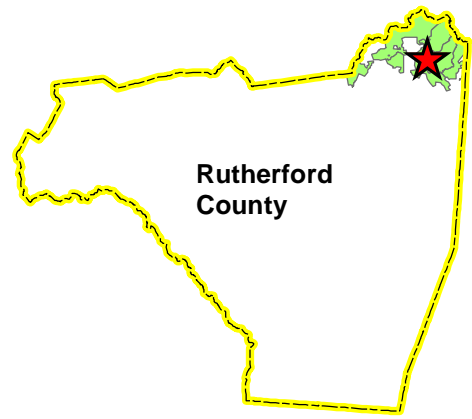
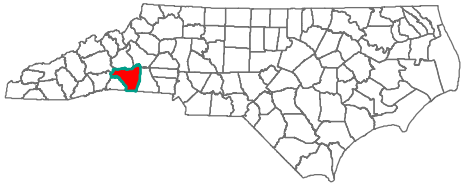
## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (South Mountains GL) Deviney 2014 Tract (Rutherford 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>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>30</u>

Deviney 2014 Tract (Rutherford County) - Priority Species			
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
Plethodon glutinosus	Slimy Salamander		
Plethodon meridianus	South Mountain Gray-cheeked Salamander		SR
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander		SC
BIRDS			
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
Falco sparverius	American Kestrel		
Tyto alba	Barn Owl		SR
Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
Corvus corax	Common Raven		
Dendroica magnolia	Magnolia Warbler		SR
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler		SC
Limothlypis swainsonii	Swainson's Warbler		
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow		
Spiza americana	Dickcissel		
Icterus galbula	Baltimore Oriole		
MAMMALS			
Sorex hoyi	Pygmy Shrew		
Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat		
Lasiurus seminolus	Seminole Bat		
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern Myotis		
Neotoma magister	Allegheny Woodrat		SC
Zapus hudsonius	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
REPTILES			
Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
Eumeces anthracinus	Coal Skink		SR
Cemophora coccinea	Scarlet Snake		
Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum	Eastern Milk Snake		
Virginia valeriae	Smooth Earth Snake		

**Deviney 2014 Tract**  
**South Mountains GL**  
**Rutherford County**  
**28.5 Acres**

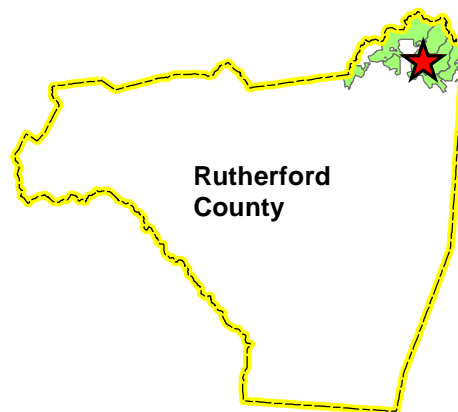
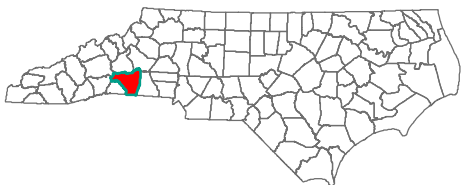





February 9, 2015

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**Deviney 2014 Tract  
South Mountains GL  
Rutherford County  
28.5 Acres**



-  Deviney 2014 Tract
-  South Mountains GL CURE
-  South Mountains GL

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



February 9, 2015

0 250 500 Feet



# EXHIBIT G-4

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** August 27, 2015

**Tract:** Deviney Brier Creek Tracts; Rutherford County, 87 Acres

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

Pitman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant	\$ 202,500
Wildlife Resources Commission	\$ 89,500
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<u>\$ 292,000 (\$ 3,356/Acre)</u>

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Mike Moore	1/27/16	\$ 270,000 (\$ 3,103/Acre)

**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):**

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

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

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$ 6,400
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	NA

**Additional Comments:** Purchase price exceeds appraised value by \$22,000 (approx. 8%). However, exceeding appraised value is justified. Legal public access from Brier Creek Rd. (SR 1735) was requested by the public and subsequently identified as a valid need in the South Mountains Game Land Management Plan. Although acquisition of the Deviney Bier Creek tracts does not satisfy this need completely (several additional acquisitions are also required), it does represent a move in that direction and enhances the potential for providing public access in the future. The existing game lands adjacent to this location are also within an active prescribed burn unit and acquisition of the Deviney Bier Creek tracts provides critical additional smoke buffer between game lands and adjacent private ownership.



## WORKSHEET

### Estate's Charitable Deduction for Eminent Domain Costs and Revenue (Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Deviney Brier Creek Tracts	Boundary Establishment (Contract Survey)	4,280	ft.	\$1.25	\$5,350
	Remove signs & paint from interior lines	1.5	mi.	\$200	\$300
	Install gate to control vehicular access	1	ea.	\$750	\$750
	Total	\$6,400.00			
Insert additional rows in table as needed					

REVENUE						
Tract Name	Estimated Revenue Projections					
	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue	
Deviney Brier Creek Tracts	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$	-
	Total					\$
Insert additional rows in table as needed						

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

**Date First Presented to WRC:** August 27, 2015

**Tract Name:** Deviney Brier Creek Tracts

**Acreage:** 205.75 – includes 5 tracts, one of which has 9 lots within it

**PIN:** 706883 (40 acres Rutherford Co.)

706515 (47 acres Rutherford Co.)

2606082774 (15 acres Cleveland Co.)

2607301245 (50 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606487945 (45.97 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606498456 (0.53 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606497410 (0.77 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606496324 (0.94 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606495296 (0.87 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606496116 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606495096 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606486837 (0.87 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606486778 (0.86 acres Cleveland Co.)

2606487627 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)

**County:** Rutherford and Cleveland

**Estimated Value:** \$617,250 (\$3,000/acre- the tracts can be purchased together or separately)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Jim Deviney

**Address:** 838 Moriah School Road, Casar, NC 28020

**Phone:** (704) 538-9071

**Status:** ☒ High Interest    ☐ Moderate Interest    ☐ Low Interest    ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ CWMTF    ☒ OTHER (explain): PR Land Acquisition Grant, WRC

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** Acquisition of these tracts would solidify WRC ownership at the end of Brier Creek Rd. (S.R. 1535) and remove two inholdings in South Mountains Game Land (SMGL). The tracts that are not inholdings are immediately adjacent to SMGL. All the tracts are accessed from a private road(s) that continues from the end

of Brier Creek Rd. There are no recorded ROW easements in place and the use of the private roads is prescriptive only. Although it's unlikely that purchase of these tracts would provide any immediate additional public access to SMGL, acquisition of these tracts are key to future public access from Brier Creek Rd. Public access from Brier Creek Rd. does not exist currently and is identified as a priority in the SMGL Management Plan. Use of the private road for administrative access is not anticipated to be a problem in the interim.

The southernmost inholding has a cabin and an approximately two acre pond on it that is used by the Deviney family. This inholding also contains nine subdivided lots that are currently unimproved. Mr. Deviney indicated that he may retain this inholding but hasn't fully decided and it is currently offered for sale along with the four other tracts.

The tracts are predominately Appalachian oak forest with some Appalachian cove forest and dry coniferous woodlands also present. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the oak forest, cove forest, and dry coniferous woodlands priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tracts. Common wildlife species found on the tracts include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. Priority species likely found on the tracts as either permanent residents or transients include: South Mountain gray-cheeked salamander (*Plethodon meridianus*), timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), Eastern box turtle (*Terapene carolina*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Eastern wood-peewee (*Contopus virens*), and hooded warbler (*Setophaga citrina*).

Both inholdings are embedded within the Rollins/South Mountains State Natural Area. Both the R and C ratings for this natural area are outstanding. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present. The other three tracts are immediately adjacent the current natural area.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained.

**Additional Comments:** NA

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land (South Mountains) ☐ 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):** 29 of 30

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No



# WORKSHEET

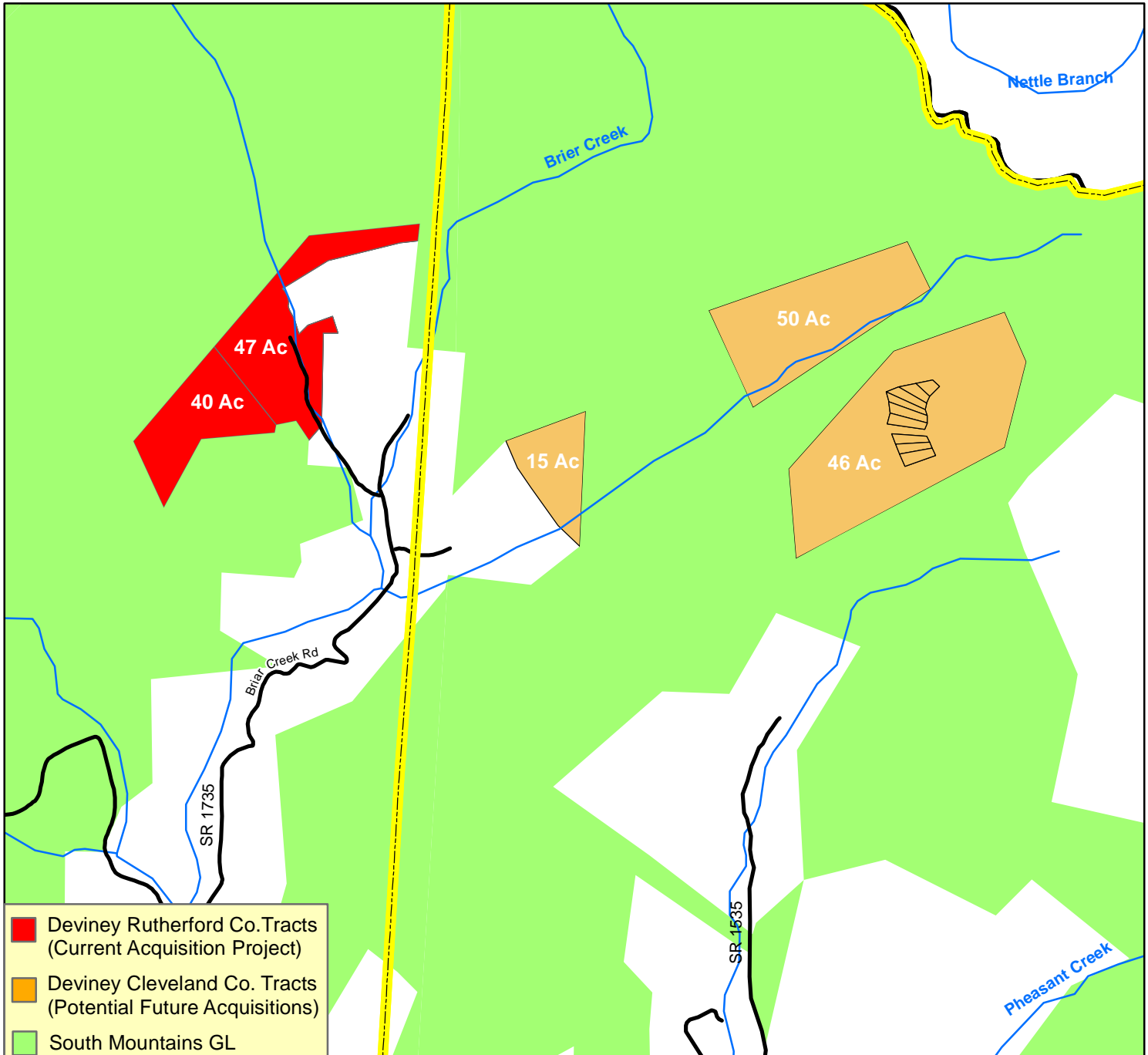
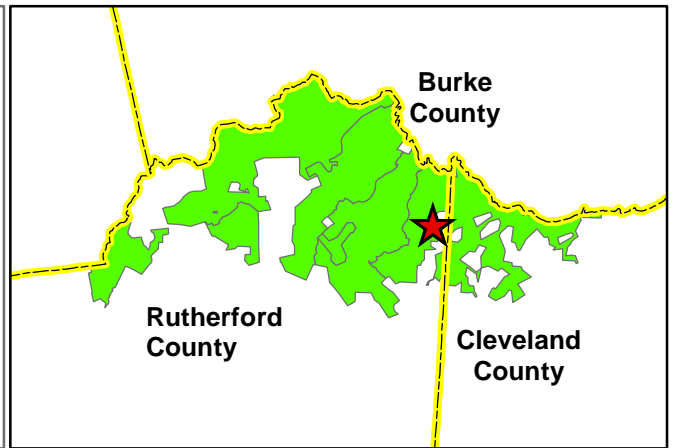
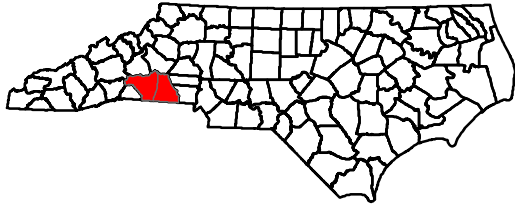
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Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
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9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u><u>29</u></u>

Deviney Brier Creek Tracts (Rutherford County) - Priority Species			
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Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat		
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Zapus hudsonius	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
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Apalone spinifera aspera	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell		
Eumeces anthracinus	Coal Skink		SR
Cemophora coccinea	Scarlet Snake		
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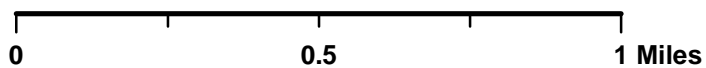
# Deviney Brier Creek Tracts South Mountains GL Cleveland & Rutherford County 205.75 Acres



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(Current Acquisition Project)
- Deviney Cleveland Co. Tracts  
(Potential Future Acquisitions)
- South Mountains GL

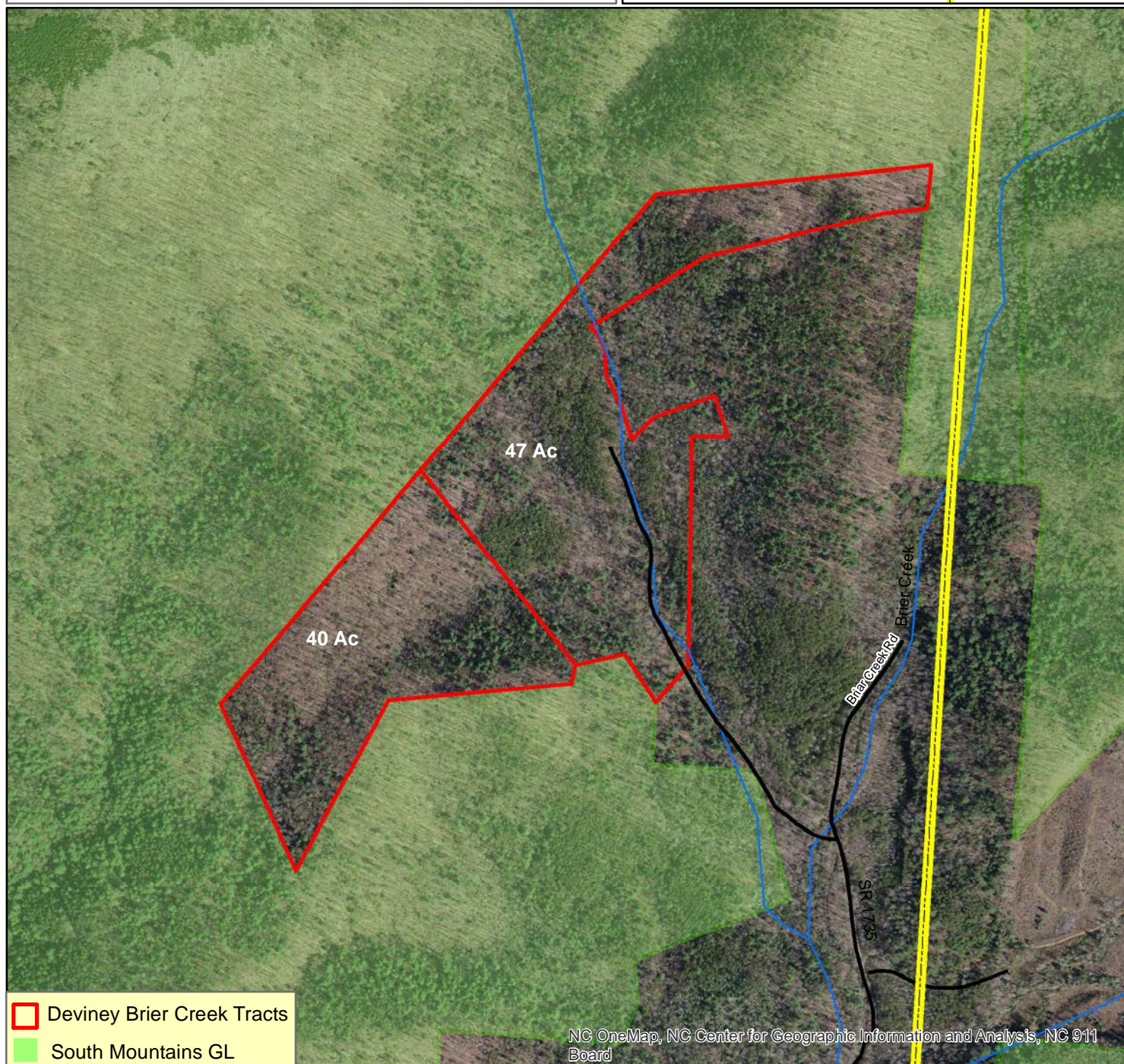
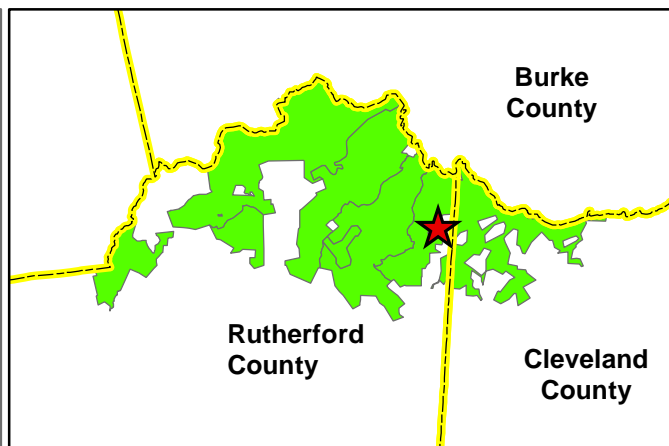
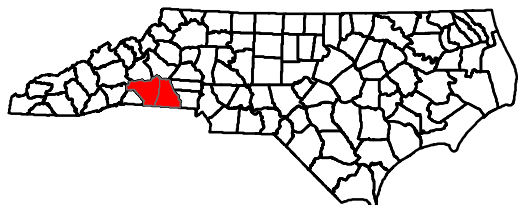




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**Deviney Brier Creek Tracts**  
**South Mountains GL**  
**Cleveland & Rutherford County**  
**205.75 Acres**



-  Deviney Brier Creek Tracts
-  South Mountains GL



June 16, 2015

0 1,000 2,000 Feet



# EXHIBIT G-5

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** DMF Fisherman's Wharf Reallocation; Hyde County, 17.17 Acres

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

Reallocation from Division of Marine Fisheries to WRC

**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):** Motorboat Registration Receipts

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

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$0
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	\$0

**Additional Comments:** NA



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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Isaac Harrold

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** DMF Fisherman's Wharf Reallocation Tracts

**Acreage:** 17.17

**County:** Hyde

**Estimated Value:** NA – reallocation from Division of Marine Fisheries to WRC

**Property Owner or Representative:** Suzanne R. Guthrie  
Administrative Services Officer  
DEQ-Division of Marine Fisheries  
3441 Arendell Street  
Morehead City, NC 28557

Phone: 252-808-8005 office  
252-727-0559 fax

Email: [Suzanne.Guthrie@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Guthrie@ncdenr.gov)

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): NA – reallocation from DMF to WRC

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** In 2009, Division of Marine Fisheries used Waterfront Access and Marine Industry (WAMI) funds to purchase a 3.71-acre parcel adjacent to WRC's Swan Quarter Boating Access Area. Marine Fisheries originally intended to use the site for stock piling oyster cultch materials. However, the passing of stricter storm water runoff regulations since that time has prevented the intended use the property. Also in 2009, Marine Fisheries accepted a donation of 13.46 acres immediately south of the WAMI tract, with the intent of supporting potential research interests which never developed.

Given the inability to use the purchased property as intended, and the lack of research interest in the adjacent donated property, Division of Marine Fisheries has offered to reallocate the entire 17.17 acres to WRC. This reallocation offers future potential for accommodating overflow parking associated with the Swan Quarter BAA and staff recommends approval for the reallocation.

**Additional Comments:** See attached letter from Marine Fisheries indicating desire to reallocate the property.

**Program Potential:** ☐ Game Land ☐ Wildlife Conservation Area  
☐ Fishing Access Area ☒ Boating Access Area

**Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):** Motorboat Registration Receipts.

**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):**

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No





PAT MCCRORY  
*Governor*

DONALD R. VAN DER VAART  
*Secretary*

JIM KELLEY  
*Acting Director*

March 10, 2016

Mr. Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director  
Wildlife Resources Commission  
1720 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1720

Dear Mr. Myers,

Our division purchased property adjacent to your Fisherman's Wharf boat ramp with Waterfront and Marine Industry (WAMI) funds in 2009. Plans were for our division to use it for a stock pile site for our oyster cultch materials. In addition, other agencies were interested in using the adjacent donated marshland for research.

The passing of stricter storm water runoff laws subsequent to the purchasing of this property has prevented our division from using the site for our planned purposes. Further, the other agencies who initially showed interest for other purposes, are no longer making plans to use this area.

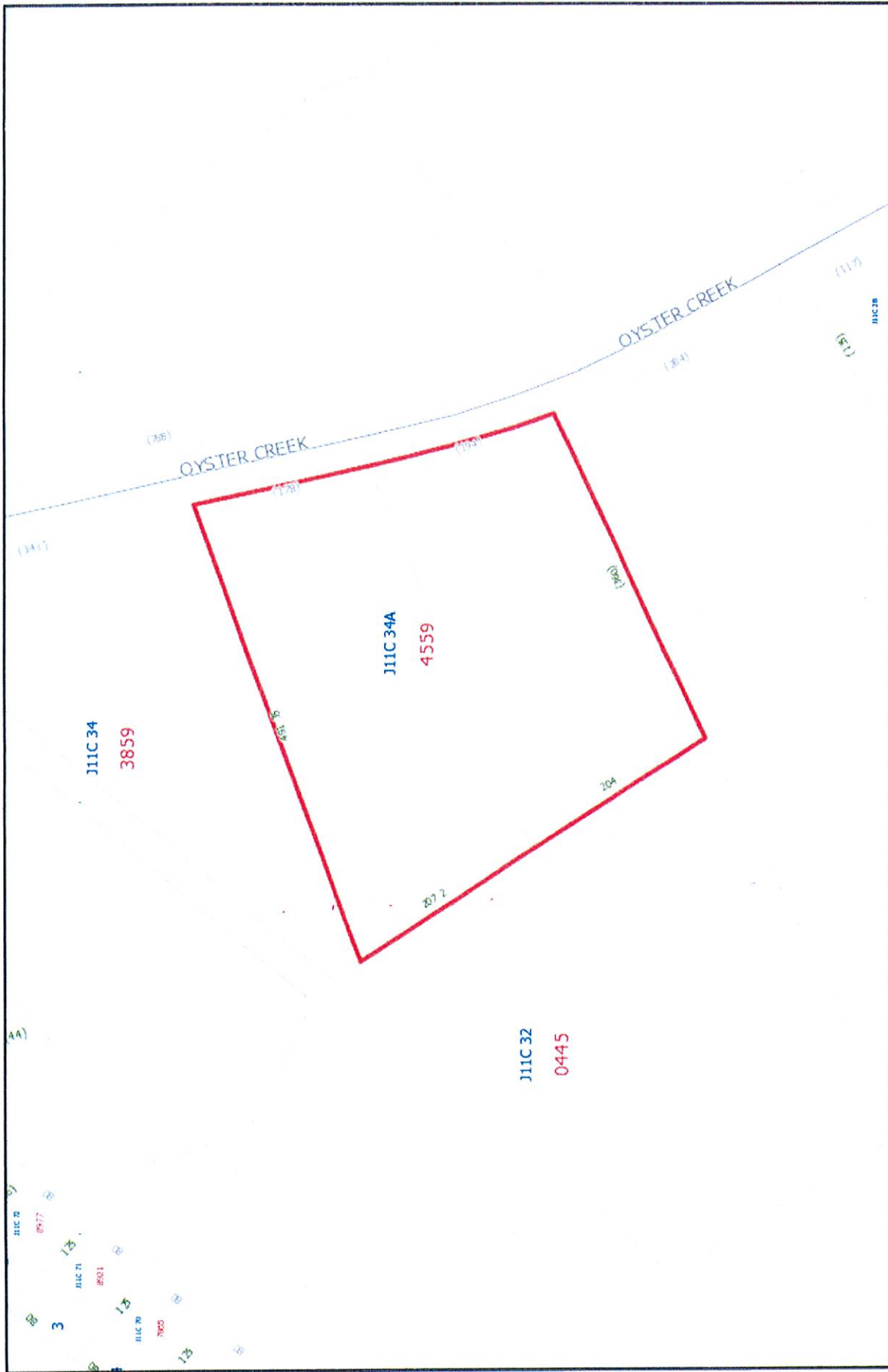
The division would like to transfer these parcels of land to your agency for your use in extending boat ramp parking into this area. The parcels are highlighted in red on the attached maps. Please contact me or [Suzanne.Guthrie@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Guthrie@ncdenr.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Kelley, Acting Director  
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries

Attachments

Cc: Dee Lupton, DMF, Deputy Director  
Kyle Briggs, WRC, Chief Deputy Director  
Isaac Harrold, WRC, Program Manager



Hyde County, NC

PROPERTY MAP

Parcel Number: J11C 34A  
NC PIN Number: 7691-61-4559  
Owner Name: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Owner Address:  
Owner City/ST: 9  
Owner Account: 2964  
Feature ID: 0  
Situs Number: 0  
Situs Street:  
Deed Reference: 127-402  
Plat Reference: B-200B  
Legal 1: TRACT 3 & 4  
Legal 2:  
Total Acres: 3.71  
Land Value: 545370  
Bldg Value: 0  
Total Value: 545370  
Sale Date: 08-28-2009  
Sale Price: 625000

Disclaimer:  
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Hyde County, NC and is compiled from recorded plat, deed, and other public records  
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One Inch = 130 Feet

SWAN BAY BOULEVARD

J11C33  
5157

J11C31  
0010

J11C29  
1587

J11C28  
0216

J11C25  
4595

J11C23  
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One Inch = 211 Feet

## Hyde County, NC

### PROPERTY MAP

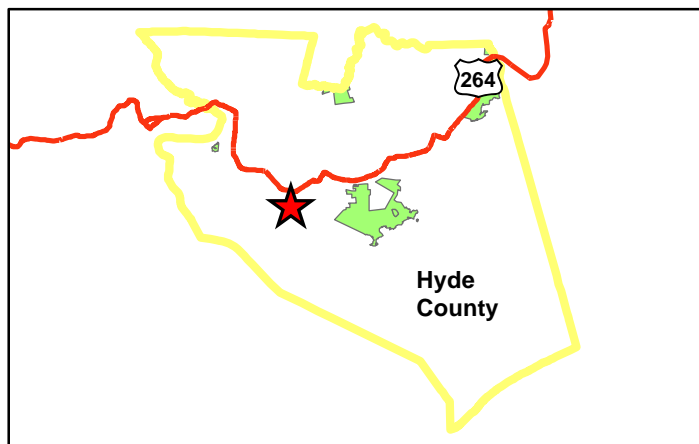
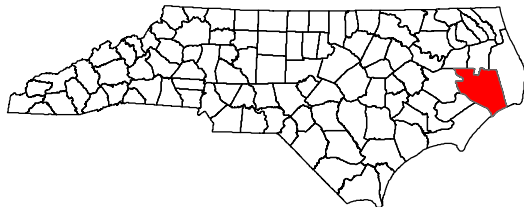
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Parcel Number: J11C 31  
NC PIN Number: 7691-61-0010  
Owner Name: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Owner Name2:  
Owner Address:  
Owner City/ST:  
Owner Account: 9  
Feature ID: 3232  
Situation Number: 0  
Situation Street:

Deed Reference: 99-425  
Plat Reference:  
Legal 1: DONNELL  
Legal 2:  
Total Acres: 13.46  
Land Value: 20048  
Bldg Value: 0  
Total Value: 20047.5  
Sale Date: 05-28-2009  
Sale Price: 0



# DMF Fisherman's Wharf Reallocation - Hyde County 17.17 Acres



March 27, 2016

0 250 500 1,000 Feet



# EXHIBIT G-6

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** DOA Ocean Isle Beach Reallocation; Brunswick County, 3.2 Acres

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

Reallocation from Department of Administration to WRC

**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):** Motorboat Registration Receipts

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

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$0
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	\$0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Isaac Harrold

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** DOA Ocean Isle Beach Reallocation Tract

**Acreage:** 3.2

**Parcel ID:** 257DH01208

**County:** Brunswick

**Estimated Value:** NA – reallocation from Department of Administration to WRC

**Property Owner or Representative:** David Keeley  
Real Property Agent  
State Property Office  
Department of Administration  
1321 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1321

Phone: 919-807-4675 office

Email: [David.Keeley@doa.nc.gov](mailto:David.Keeley@doa.nc.gov)

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): NA – reallocation from DOA to WRC

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** WRC currently owns and operates a boating access area beneath the NC 904 Bridge on the Intracoastal Waterway at Ocean Isle Beach in Onslow County. This site is very well used and often congested. One amenity to relieve congestion and enhance the experience of users, particularly when arriving and/or leaving the area, involves the addition of a courtesy dock. Existing WRC-allocated property at this location is not sufficient in size or configuration to accommodate this addition. However, a 3.2-acre parcel immediately west of the existing access area is under the management jurisdiction of Department of Administration and is available for reallocation. Transfer of management authority for this parcel to WRC will provide an ideal location for adding a floating courtesy dock to serve the existing facility.

**Additional Comments:** NA

**Program Potential:** ☐ Game Land ☐ Wildlife Conservation Area  
☐ Fishing Access Area ☒ Boating Access Area

**Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):** Motorboat Registration Receipts.

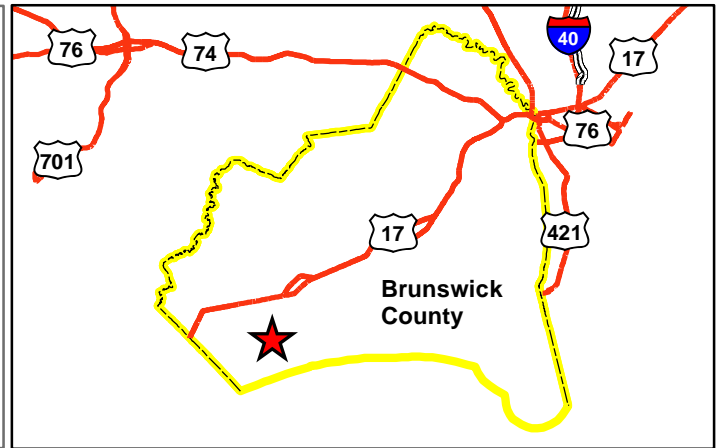
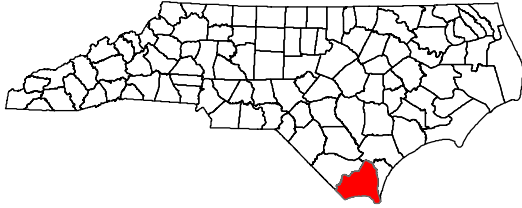
**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):**


**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No



# DOA Reallocation Ocean Isle Beach Brunswick County, 3.2 Acres



 DOA Tract (3.2 Ac.)

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



March 27, 2016

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# EXHIBIT G-7

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): July 15, 2015

Tract: Eure Tract; Gates County, 271.94 Acres  
Horton Tract; Gates County, 50.00 Acres  
321.94 Acres

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

	<u>Eure</u>	<u>Horton</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pitman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant	\$ 244,500	\$ 130,500	\$ 375,000
Wildlife Resources Commission	<u>\$ 81,500</u>	<u>\$ 43,500</u>	<u>\$ 125,000</u>
Total Cost:	<u>\$ 326,000</u>	<u>\$ 174,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
	\$ 1,199/Acre	\$ 3,480/Acre	\$ 1,553/Acre

Based on Appraisal: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Tract	Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
Eure	WRC	Quinten Bell	10/13/15	\$ 326,000 (\$ 1,188/Acre)
Horton	WRC	Quinten Bell	10/13/15	\$ 174,000 (\$3,480/Acre)

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):

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:	\$:	\$ 150,270
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	\$ 60,000

Additional Comments: N/A

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**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	0.85	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
Longleaf/NWSG				
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
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 150,269.75</b>

#### 5-Year Anticipated Revenue

			Value	Total
Harvest Loblolly Pine	80	ac	\$ 750.00	\$ 60,000.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>

**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

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

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

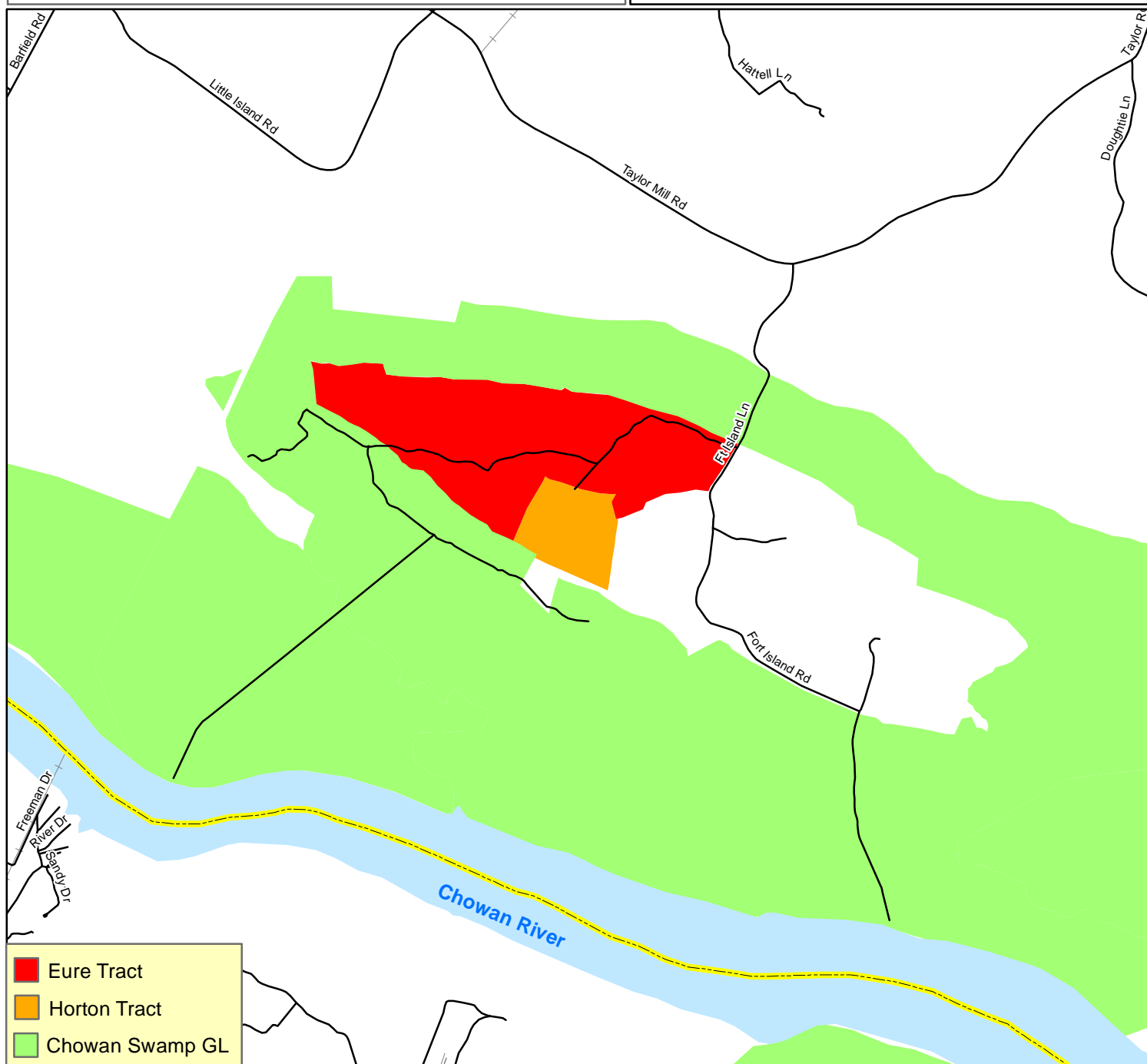
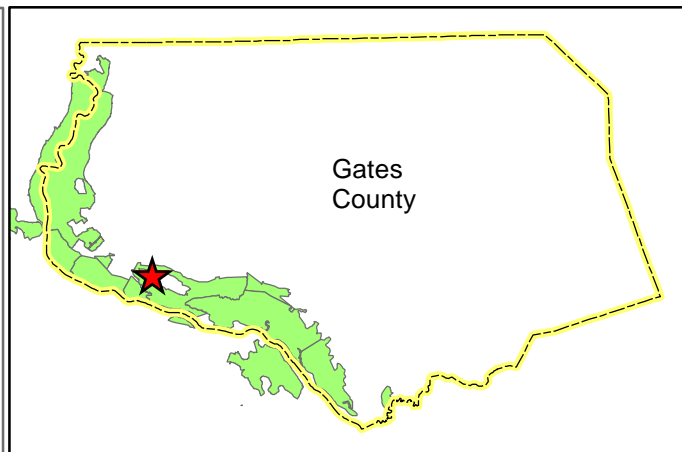
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<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>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>26</u>

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				
	<b>HABITATS</b>			
<b>SPECIES</b>	Floodplain Forest	Early Successional	Dry Coniferous Woodlands (Plantation)	State Status
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>				
Eastern Spadefoot	X			
Four-toed Salamander	X			SC
Mabee's Salamander	X			SR
Marbled Salamander	X			
Southern Dusky Salamander	X			
<b>REPTILES</b>				
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



# Eure/HortonTracts Chowan Swamp GL Gates County 322 Acres

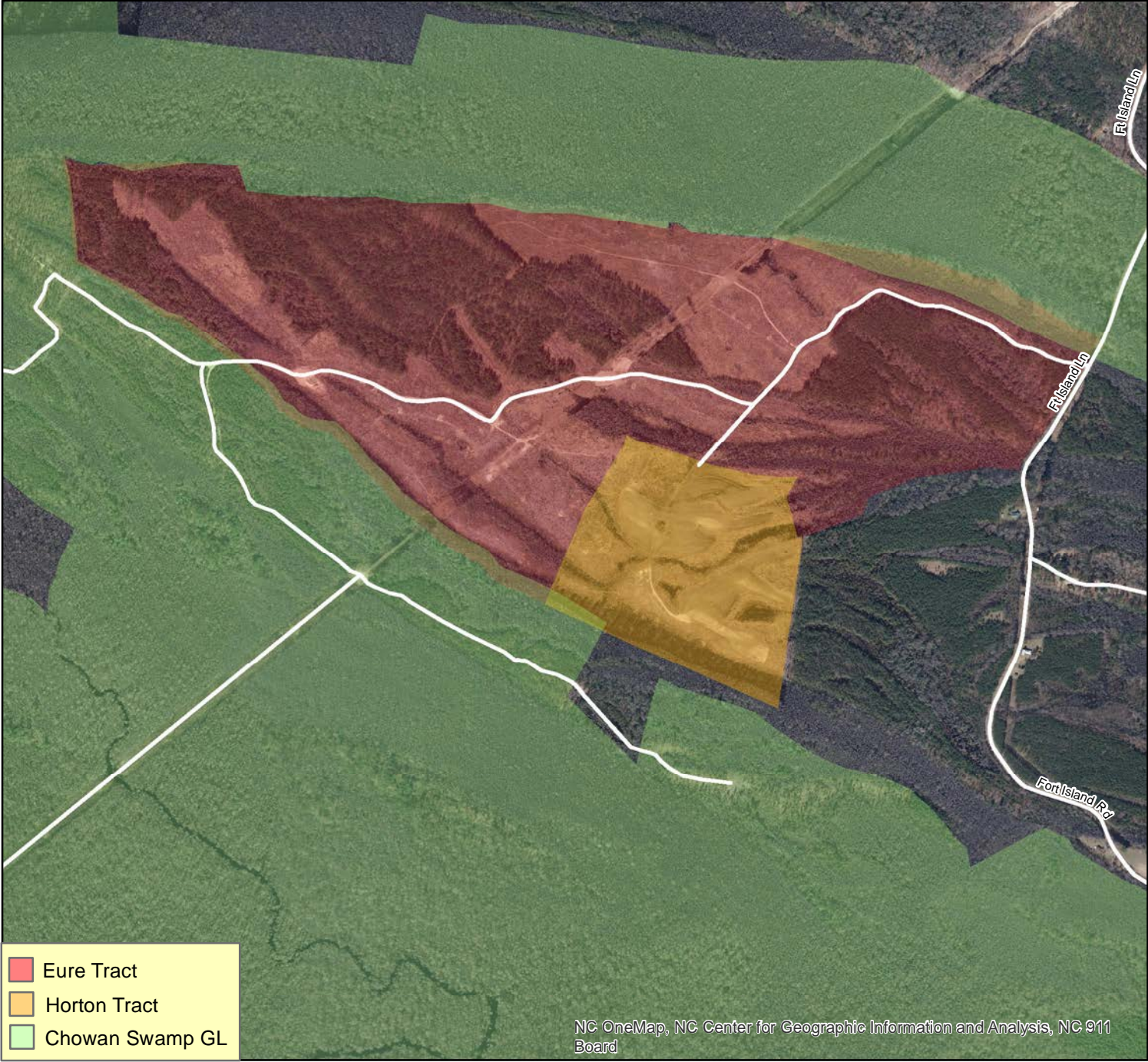
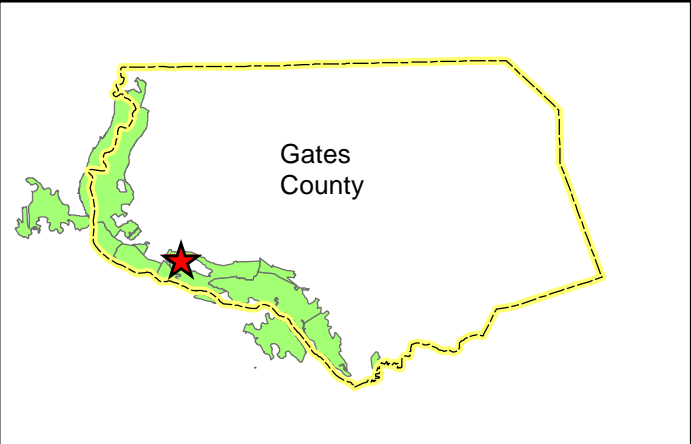


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**Eure/HortonTracts  
Chowan Swamp GL  
Gates County  
322 Acres**

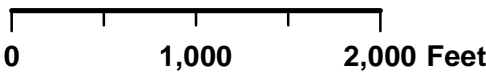


- Eure Tract
- Horton Tract
- Chowan Swamp GL

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# EXHIBIT G-8

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** December 10, 2015

**Tract:** Little Macedonia Tract; Brunswick County, 261.350 Acres

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

Pitman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant	\$ 393,750
Wildlife Resources Commission	\$ 131,250
Total Cost:	<u>\$ 525,000 (\$ 2,009/Acre)</u>

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Keith McDonald	2/26/16	\$ 525,000 (\$ 2,009/Acre)

**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):**

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:** \$:

**Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:** \$:

**Additional Comments:** This site represents an ideal location for construction of a permanent work station for the Bolivia crew and would replace the current leased facility (\$1,260/mo.). Estimate for new depot construction is \$750,000.

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Tommy Hughes

**Date First Presented to WRC:** December 10, 2015

**Tract Name:** Little Macedonia

**Acreage:** 261.350

**County:** Brunswick

**Pin Number:** 1510-0-031

**Estimated Value:** \$ 530,000 asking price. Realtor advises owner is willing to sale below fair market value. Brunswick County indicates a total tax value of \$1,954,900. A 2011 appraisal provided by the realtor values the property at \$970,000.

**Property Owner or Representative:** Linda Stephens (Realtor)

**Phone:** (W) 910-231-0640    **Email:** lindastephens1948@atmc.net

**Address:** Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Advantage Holden Beach  
3247 Holden Beach Road SW  
Supply, NC 28462

**Status:** ☒ High Interest    ☐ Moderate Interest    ☐ Low Interest    ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ CWMTF

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

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** The Little Macedonia Tract is located in Brunswick County, approximately 2.41 miles northwest of Supply, 8.6 miles southwest of the temporary Bolivia Depot and 3.2 miles southeast of the state-owned Juniper Creek Game Land. The tract represents an excellent location to construct a depot facility for the Bolivia crew.

The site is 261 acres and contains two agricultural fields, a small pond and cutover woodlands. The site contains sandy well drained soils that should be suitable for depot construction. The site does not support county water or sewer, but judging from homes in the area, it should support a suitable well and septic system.

In addition to a depot site, the tract is large enough to potentially allow development of a dove field and could provide limited deer and small game hunting. The tract is bounded on the east south and west by a small creek and pocosin and contains considerable topography. The property is primarily uplands that have been cutover. Currently, there is no marketable timber on the property.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats (early successional with the potential to restore dry longleaf pine) and species and will provide valuable habitat for reptiles, amphibians, neo-tropical migrants, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, small game, and furbearers.

Access to the property is via a state road (Little Macedonia). The interior of the property contains a network of unimproved sandy roads that provide administrative access and with improvement could provide public access points.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Little Macedonia Tract's Biodiversity index ranges from 0-4. Approximately 10% of the site is ranked as a 1 and 10% ranked as a 4 with the balance of the tract being assessed as a 0 (1- low-10 high values). The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

**Additional Comments:** Suitable, reasonably priced land for depot construction in Brunswick County is difficult to locate. This tract is located close to all areas the Bolivia crew currently services. The temporary depot the Bolivia crew is working out of is currently adequate but its future is uncertain. This tract offers an opportunity to develop a permanent location from which this crew can work.

Although additional evaluation is necessary to confirm, the site may also represent potential to develop a shooting range.

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land (Juniper Creek) ☐ Wildlife Conservation Area  
☐ Fishing Access Area ☒ Potential Depot Site

**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):**

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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name Little Macedonia Tract (Brunswick 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>3</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>1</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>3</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>No</u> |

**TOTAL SCORE** 22

## Little Macedonia Tract

### 5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total (5-yrs)
Improve Road System – yr. 1	1	mi	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Maintain Road System- yr 2-5	1	ea	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
Establish Gate – yr. 1	7	ea	\$ 1,500	\$ 10,500
Maintain Gate – yr. 2 - 5	7	ea	\$ 200	\$ 5,600
Boundary Establishment – yr. 1	4	mi	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000
Boundary Maintenance- yr. 4	4	mi	\$ 500	\$ 2,000
Administer Co-Op Farm Lease	1	ea	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Depot Construction	1	Ea	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 839,100</b>

### 5-Year Anticipated Revenue

			Value	Total
Farm Co-Op Lease-If we decide to lease rather than developing a dove field.	20	ac	\$ 40	\$ 800
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>



**Priority species associated with coastal plain early successional habitat:**

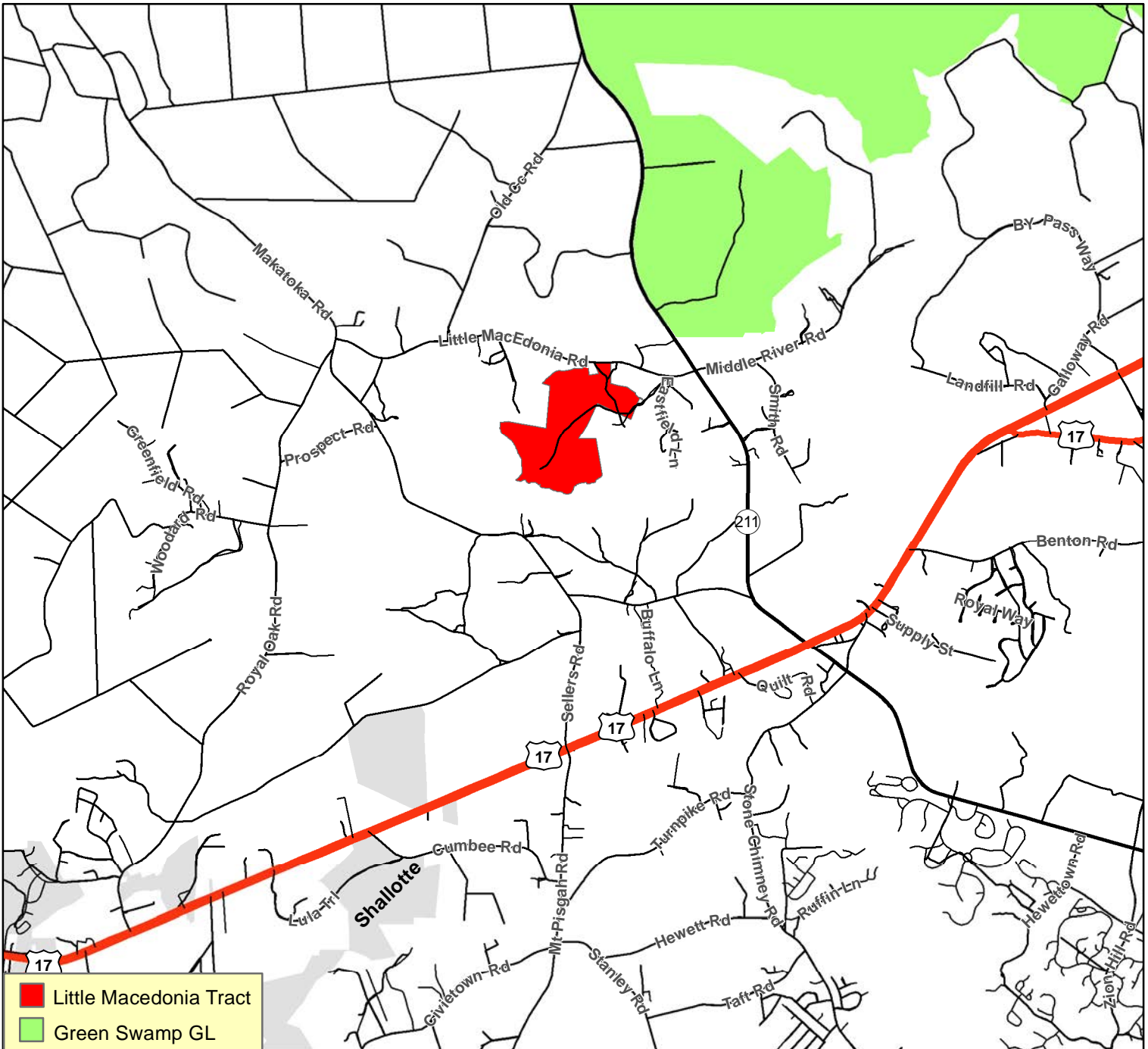
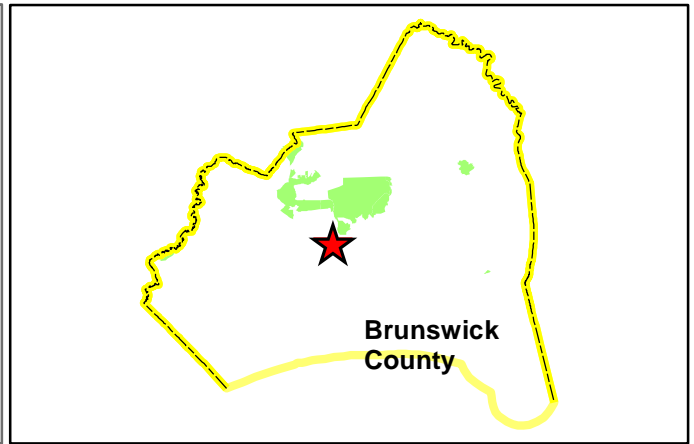
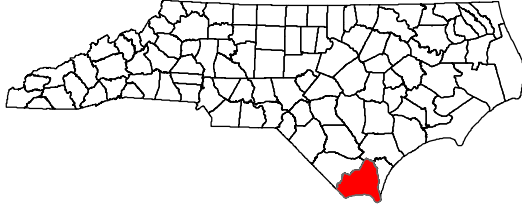
<b>Group</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>State Status (Federal Status)</b>
Birds	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow	SC
	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow	SR
	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	
	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared Owl	
	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow	
	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	
	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Lark Sparrow	SR
	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common Nighthawk	
	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier	SR
	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge Wren	
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	
	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler	
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	
	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Orchard Oriole	
	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike	SC
	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Eastern Painted Bunting	
	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	American Woodcock	
	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Field Sparrow	
	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	
	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Eastern Kingbird	
	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl	
Mammals	<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed Mole	SC
	<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	Least Shrew	
	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>	Meadow Vole	
	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel	
	<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	Eastern Mole	
	<i>Synaptomys cooperi helaetes</i>	Southern Bog Lemming	
Reptiles	<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake	E
	<i>Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata</i>	Mole Kingsnake	
	<i>Lampropeltis getula getula</i>	Eastern Kingsnake	
	<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Eastern Coachwhip	SR
	<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus</i>	Eastern Slender Glass Lizard	
	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pinesnake	SC
	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	

## Potential Restoration

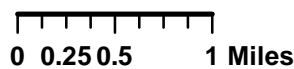
### Priority species associated with coastal plain dry longleaf pine habitats:

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow	SC
	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow	SR
	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow	
	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	
	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	
	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler	
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E (E)
	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Mammals	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat	
	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel	SR
Amphibians	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Eastern Tiger Salamander	T
	<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad	SR
	<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog	
	<i>Hyla gratiosa</i>	Barking Treefrog	
	<i>Plethodon glutinosus sensustricto</i>	Northern Slimy Salamander	
	<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog	SR
	<i>Rana capito</i>	Carolina Gopher Frog	T
	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Eastern Spadefoot	
Reptiles	<i>Cemophora coccinea copei</i>	Northern Scarletsnake	
	<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	E
	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Elaphe guttata</i>	Corn Snake	
	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	
	<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hog-nosed Snake	SC
	<i>Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata</i>	Mole Kingsnake	
	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake	
	<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Eastern Coachwhip	SR
	<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake	E
	<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus</i>	Eastern Slender Glass Lizard	
	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pinesnake	SC
	<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pigmy Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake	

# Little Macedonia Tract Potential Depot Site Brunswick County 261 Acres

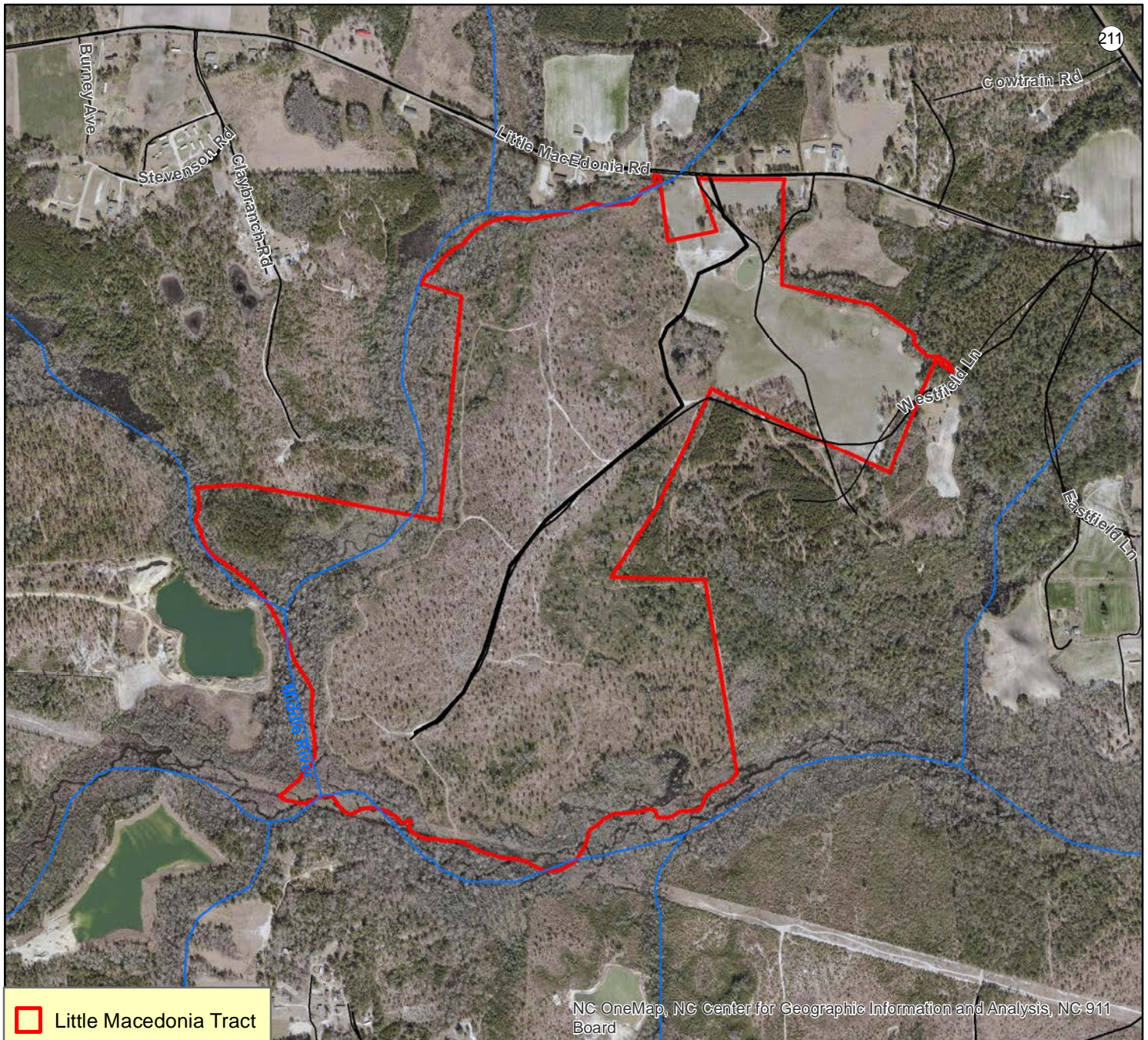
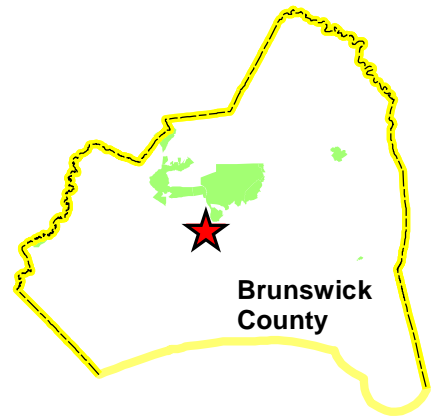
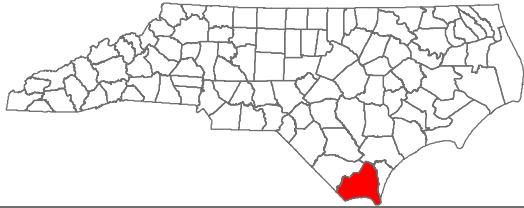


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# Little Macedonia Tract Potential Depot Site Brunswick County 261 Acres



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# EXHIBIT G-9

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** October 30, 2014

**Tract:** McEachern Tract; Bladen County, 175 Acres

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

Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC)     \$ 100,000 (WRC Funds)  
NC Coastal Land Trust (NCCLT)     \$ 335,000 (North American Wetlands Conservation Act)

Total Cost:     \$ 435,000 (\$ 2,486/Acre)

Note: WRC will contribute \$100,000 (\$ 571/Acre) of agency funds. NC Coastal Land Trust will contribute the balance via a grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes     ☐ No     ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
NCCLT	Earl Worsley	1/20/2015	\$ 435,000 (\$2,486/Acre)

**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):**

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

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

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	13,530
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	22,500

**Additional Comments:** NA

# North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

## Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Tommy Hughes

**Date First Presented to WRC:** October 30, 2014

**Tract Name:** McEachern Tract  
(PIN 129500873390)

**Acreage:** 175

**County:** Bladen

**Estimated Value:** \$ 498,750 Asking Price

**Property Owner or Representative:** Albert Shaw

**Phone:** (C) 910-876-1361

**Address:** 2262 Burney Ford Road  
Clarkton, NC 28433

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): WRC staff will work with the NC Coastal Land Trust or Ducks Unlimited to apply for a North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant to purchase the tract. Initial acquisition will be accomplished by one of the non-profits, who will then transfer the tract to WRC if approved. There is a possibility that additional funds may be required to complete the purchase, but that will not be known until appraisals are completed and negotiations begin on the tract. The NAWCA grant application will seek \$470,000.

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** Property consists of lowland natural regenerated hardwoods consisting of oaks, cypress and gum along the Cape Fear River. The upland sites support 22 year old naturally seeded loblolly pine that needs thinning and burning. Several large sloughs are contained on the property and support excellent examples of freshwater marsh. The tract has approximately 1,700 feet of river frontage along the Cape Fear and contains a high bluff. The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species and will provide valuable habitat for waterfowl, reptiles and amphibians, Neotropical migrants, whitetail deer, wild turkey, small game and furbearers.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the McEachern Biodiversity index averaged a score of 6 out of 10 (1= low values, 10= high values). Approximately 45% of the tract scored



between 7 and 8. 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:**

**5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs**

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Maintain Access Road	1	mi	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Establish Gate	1	ea	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Maintain Gate	1	ea	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Prescribe Burning -yr 1	75	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,250.00
Prescribe Burning -yr 4	75	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,250.00
Boundary Establishment	2.3	mi	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,265.00
Boundary Maintenance- yr 4	2.3	mi	\$ 550.00	<u>\$ 1,265.00</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 13,530.00</u></b>

**5-Year Anticipated Revenue**

			Value	Total
Thin 22 year Loblolly Pine	45	ac	\$ 500.00	<u>\$ 22,500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 22,500.00</u></b>

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land (Whitehall Plantation) ☐ 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):** 29 of 30

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No



# WORKSHEET

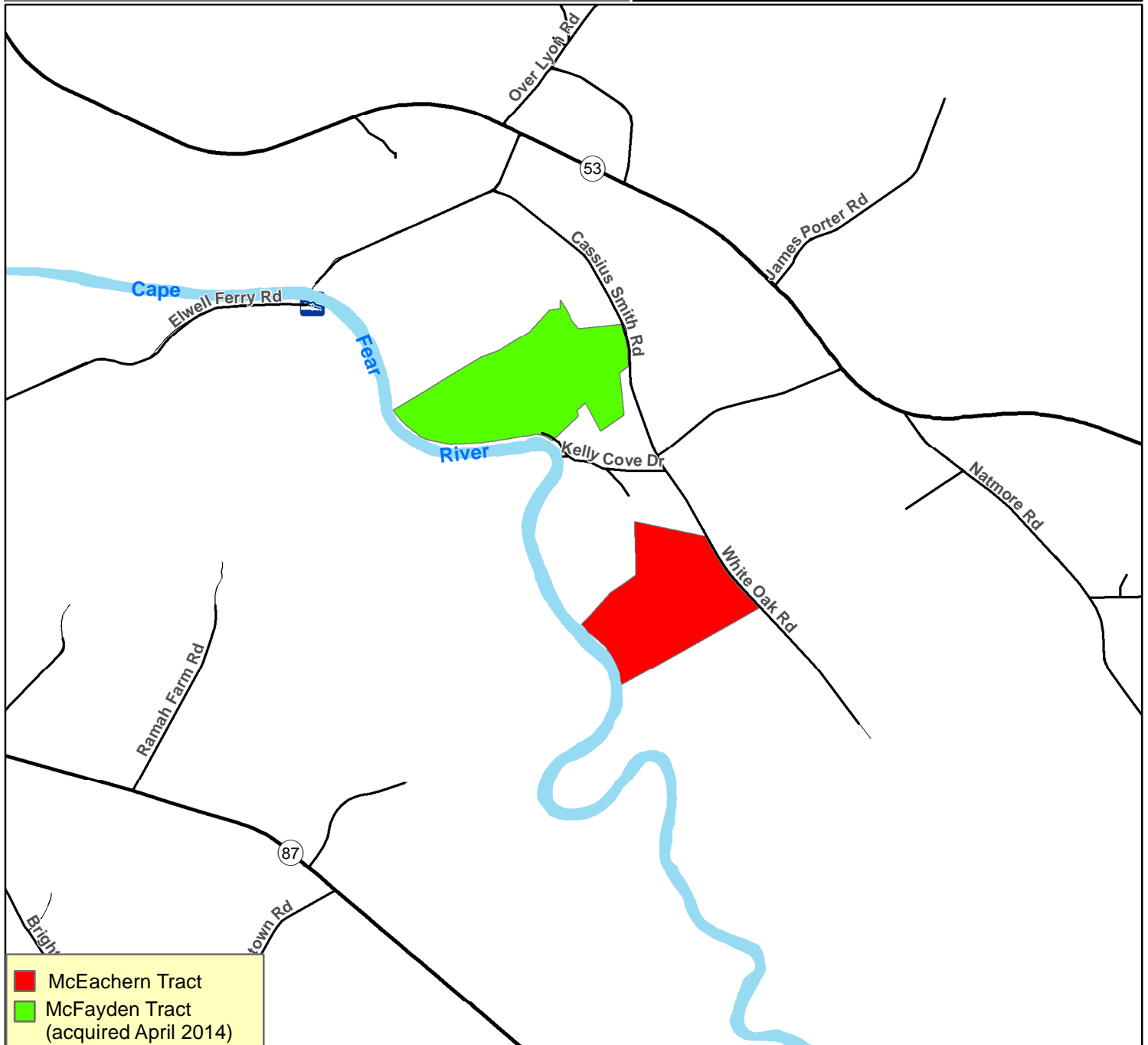
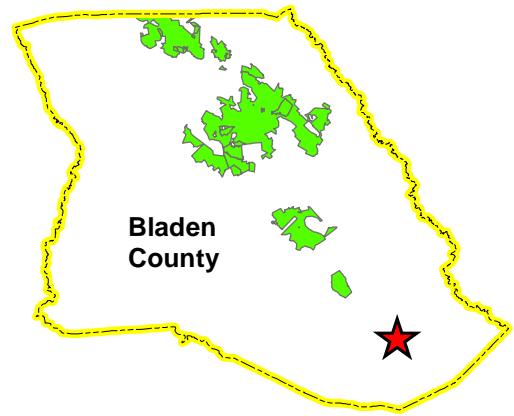
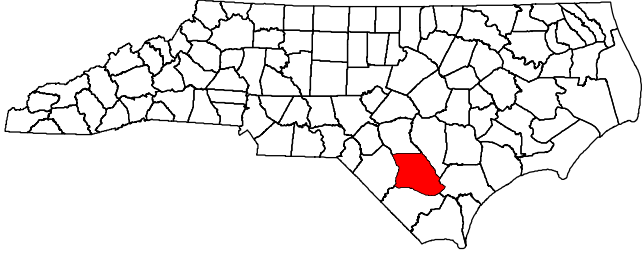
## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Cape Fear River) McEachern (Bladen County)

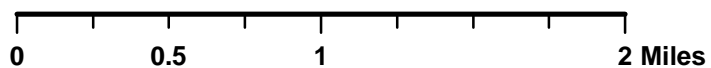
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<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>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>29</u>

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

# McEachern Tract Bladen County 175 Acres



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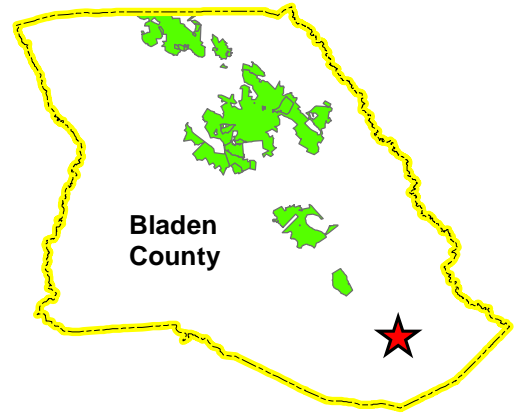
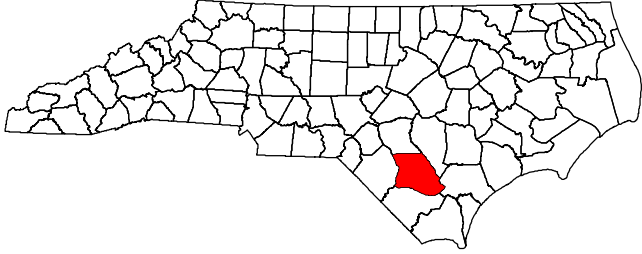





# McEachern Tract

## Bladen County

### 175 Acres



 McEachern Tract

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# EXHIBIT G-10

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** Mashie Stomp; Haywood County, 409 Acres

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

Accept donation of the property from The Conservation Fund

**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)**

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$13,860
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	\$0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Mashie Stomp	Boundary Establishment	6	mi.	\$810	\$ 4860
	Gravel to maintain access road				\$ 3000
	Parking area	1	1	\$5,000	\$6000
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 13,860.00</b>
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

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



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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** David Stewart

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** Mashie Stomp

**Acreage:** 409 acres

**PIN:** 7667-69-0792 and 7667-24-8214

**County:** Haywood

**Estimated Value:** NA - Mashie Stomp Tract will come to WRC as donation  
Appraised value of Hawkins/Duke parcel: \$908,000  
Appraised value of Carver parcel: \$1,215,000  
(These parcels make up the Mashie Stomp Tract)

**Property Owner or Representative:** The Conservation Fund c/o Justin Boner

**Phone:** 919-475-6756

**Email:** jboner@conservationfund.org

**Address:** PO Box 271, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): NA – offered as a donation.

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the mountain Eco region. The Mashie Stomp Tract would be a significant part of the effort to protect, conserve, and manage properties in the Maggie Valley area. The property protects three tributaries to Johnathan Creek and their confluence with Johnathan Creek is less than two miles upstream of the Town of Maggie Valley drinking water supply intake on Jonathan Creek. WRC ownership of the Mashie Stomp Tract will increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership. WRC ownership will preserve and protect southeastern mountain riparian forest and headwater streams and habitat, as well as preserve and protect the quality of an active drinking water supply, thereby protecting the health of citizens and maintaining cost efficiency of water treatment.

Management objectives will focus on continuing and/or expanding elk monitoring and research in Western North Carolina. WRC ownership would ensure that critical elk habitat is conserved, and WRC ownership would provide areas for WRC staff to conduct elk research and monitoring projects. WRC ownership may also provide opportunities to create some early successional habitat, which is also a priority wildlife habitat. The Mashie Stomp tract does have some potential for habitat development for elk. There are logging roads that can be seeded with elk forage grasses, as well as other areas that may present opportunities for habitat manipulation. Additional exploration is necessary to determine extent of early successional habitat potential.

Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals.

Habitats are primarily Appalachian Oak Forest, with Appalachian Cove Forest, spruce-fir, and grass/shrub bald also present,

**Additional Comments:** The Mashie Stomp Tract is bordered on the north by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Currently, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does not have any public land inhabited by elk that can be managed for elk. One of the major obstacles to elk management in North Carolina (outside of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park) is finding public lands that are suitable for development as elk habitat and for eventual use as a public hunting area for elk. There are a few areas on National Forest lands that are currently used by elk, but those lands may be restricted for management for elk under the current management restrictions of the US Forest Service. The Mashie Stomp Tract is located in close proximity to other tracts in the project area. Efforts are being made to investigate the possibilities of connecting the tracts through additional acquisitions. Future acquisitions to improve access to the tracts are also being investigated. The goal of this purchase would be to acquire public land that already has elk on it, or in close proximity to it, that could be managed as elk habitat, or used for conducting elk research. Having WRC owned land that can sustain a huntable elk herd is also a consideration.

Five-year stewardship estimates include marking and maintain 6 miles of property boundary (\$810/mi), adding gravel to the access road (\$3,000), and constructing a parking area (\$5,000) for a total estimate of \$13,860.

No short-term revenue is anticipated.

**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):**

29 of 30
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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition    ☐ Defer    ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes    ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name Mashie Stomp Tract (Haywood County)

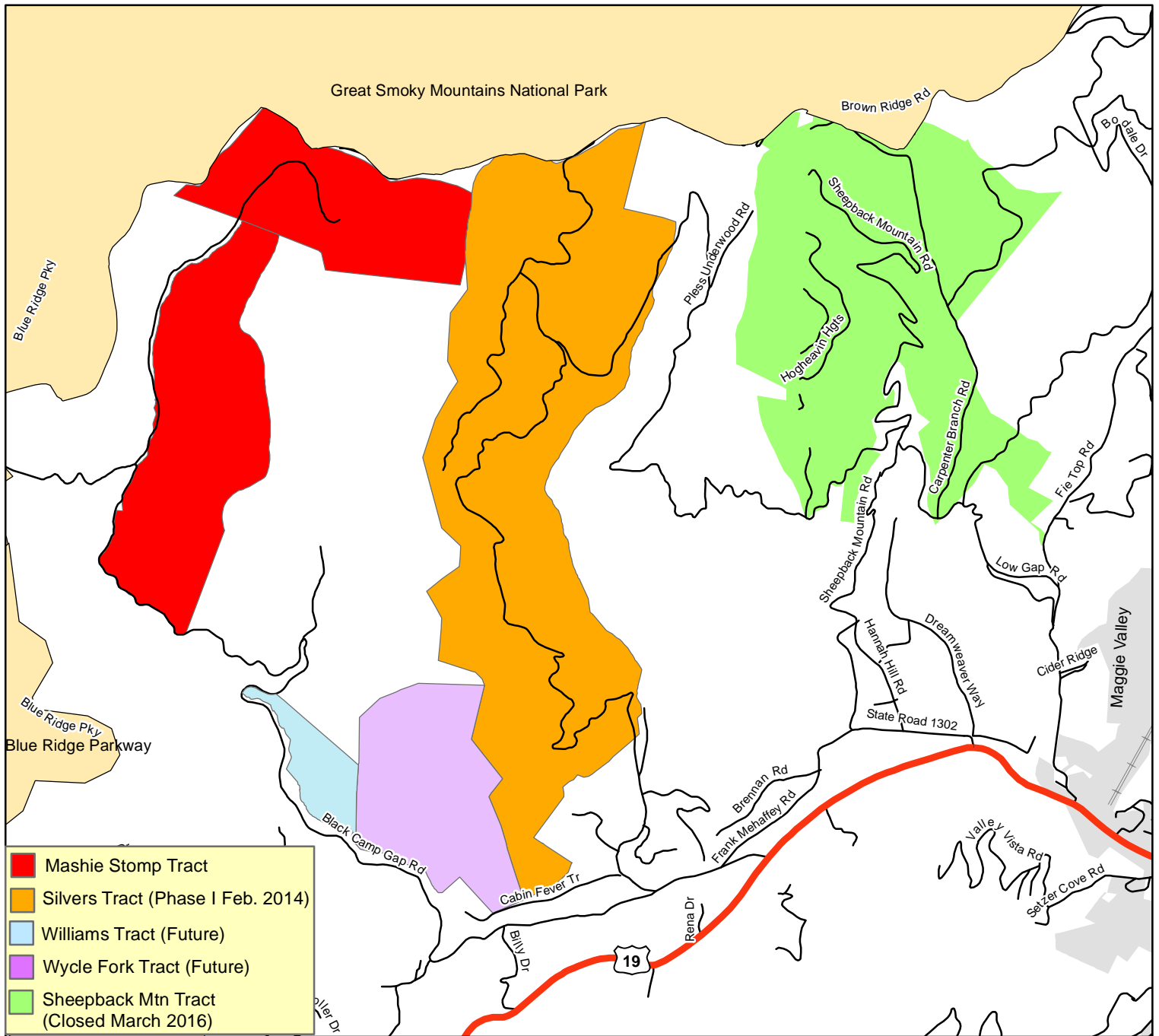
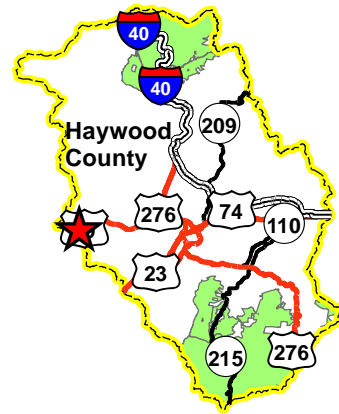
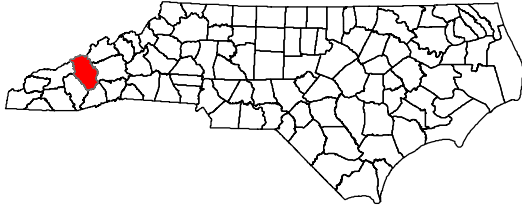
Criterion Score (1-5)  
5=Excellent 1=Poor

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| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.   | 5   | <hr/> |
| 3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.  | 4   | <hr/> |
| 4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.                                       | 5   | <hr/> |
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| 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.                           | 5   | <hr/> |
| 7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?  | Yes | <hr/> |
| 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)?   | Yes | <hr/> |
| 9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?  | NA  | <hr/> |

**TOTAL SCORE** 29

Mashie Stomp Tract (Haywood County) - Priority Species			
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
Plethodon glutinosus	Slimy Salamander		
Plethodon jordani	Red-cheeked Salamander		
Plethodon ventralis	Southern Zigzag Salamander		SC
Desmognathus imitator	Imitator Salamander		
Desmognathus santeetlah	Santeetlah Dusky Salamander		SR
Desmognathus wrighti	Pygmy Salamander		SR
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander		SC
Necturus maculosus	Mudpuppy		SC
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis	Hellbender		SC
BIRDS			
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
Falco sparverius	American Kestrel		
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon		E
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
Tyto alba	Barn Owl		SR
Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Empidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher		SR
Empidonax minimus	Least Flycatcher		
Corvus corax	Common Raven		
Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
Certhia americana	Brown Creeper		SC
Troglodytes troglodytes	Winter Wren		
Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Vermivora chrysopetra	Golden-winged Warbler		SC
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler		SC
Limnithlypis swainsonii	Swainson's Warbler		
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow		
Icterus galbula	Baltimore Oriole		
MAMMALS			
Sorex dispar	Long-tailed Shrew		SC
Sorex hoyi	Pygmy Shrew		
Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat		
Lasiurus seminolus	Seminole Bat		
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern Myotis		
Myotis leibii	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
Sylvilagus obscurus	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
Zapus hudsonius	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
Mustela nivalis	Least Weasel		SR-G
Spilogale putorius	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
REPTILES			
Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
Apalone spinifer spinifera	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
Eumeces anthracinus	Coal Skink		SR
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Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum	Eastern Milk Snake		
Virginia valeriae	Smooth Earth Snake		

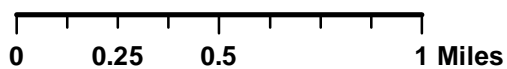
# Mashie Stomp Tract Haywood County 409 Acres



- Mashie Stomp Tract
- Silvers Tract (Phase I Feb. 2014)
- Williams Tract (Future)
- Wycle Fork Tract (Future)
- Sheepback Mtn Tract (Closed March 2016)

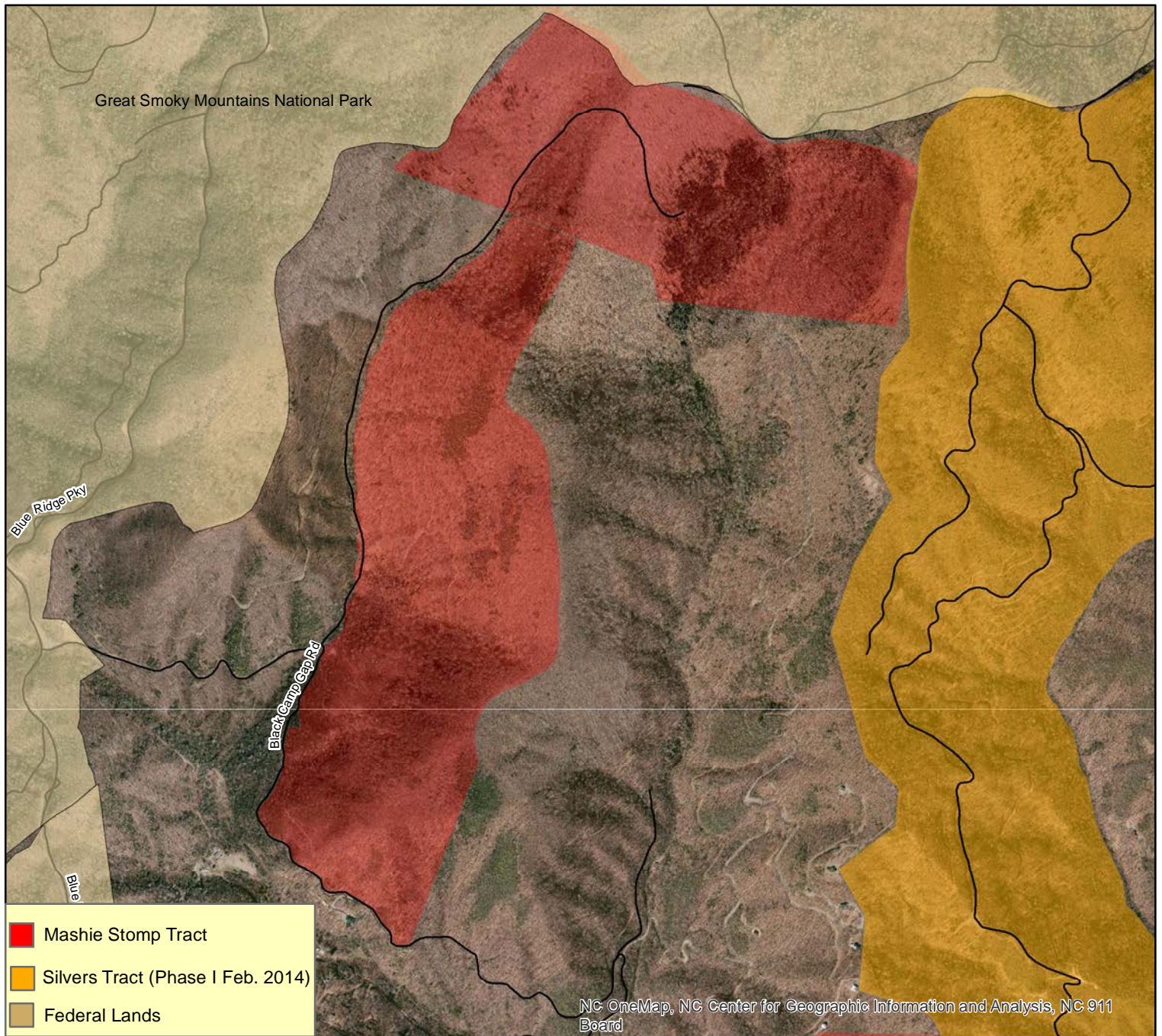
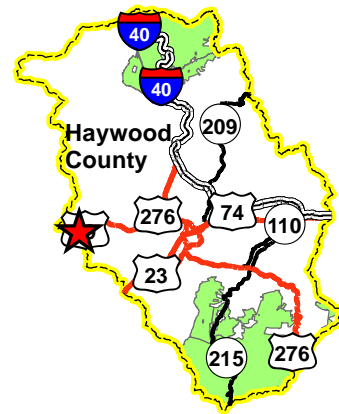
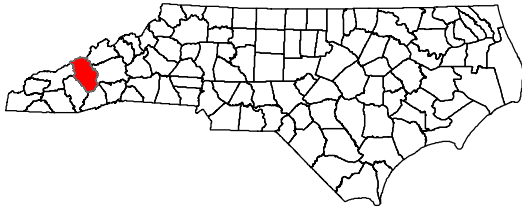


March 27, 2016





# Mashie Stomp Tract Haywood County 409 Acres



March 27, 2016

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# EXHIBIT G-11

April 21, 2016

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** April 21, 2016

**Tract:** Wycle Fork; Haywood County, 172 Acres

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

Accept donation of the property from The Conservation Fund

**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)**

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	\$1,822.50
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	\$0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Wycle Fork	Boundary Establishment	2.25	mi.	\$810	\$ 1,822.50
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 1,822.50</b>
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

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

# North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

## **-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** David Stewart

**Date First Presented to WRC:** April 21, 2016

**Tract Name:** Wycle Fork Tract

**Acreage:** 172

**PIN:** 7666-69-8573

**County:** Haywood

**Estimated Value:** \$740,000 – proposed for transfer to WRC as a donation.

The Conservation Fund (TCF) will use private cash donations to purchase the 172-acre property at a total estimated project cost of \$760,000 (includes appraisals, legal fees, closing costs, etc.). TCF has submitted a 2016 CWMTF grant request in the amount of \$380,000 and, if approved, will transfer the tract to WRC as a donation.

**Property Owner or Representative:** The Conservation Fund c/o Justin Boner

**Phone:** 919-475-6756

**Email:** jboner@conservationfund.org

**Address:** PO Box 271, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**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):** Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the mountain Eco region. The Wycle Fork Tract would be a significant part of the effort to protect, conserve, and manage properties in the Maggie Valley area. The property contains Wycle Fork and several of its tributaries, as well as a tributary to Jonathans Creek and is located approximately 1 mile upstream of the Town of Maggie Valley drinking water supply intake on Jonathans Creek. WRC ownership of the Wycle Fork Tract will increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area, such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership. WRC ownership will preserve and protect southeastern mountain riparian forest and headwater streams and habitat, as well as preserve and protect the quality of an active drinking water supply, thereby protecting the health of citizens and maintaining cost efficiency of water treatment.

Management objectives will include protecting, maintaining and/or restoring priority wildlife habitats, and providing public opportunities for hunting and other outdoor recreational activities. WRC ownership will ensure that critical habitat for elk and other species is conserved, and provide opportunities for WRC staff to continue elk research and monitoring projects. WRC ownership may also provide opportunities to create early successional habitat, which is also a priority wildlife habitat.

Habitats present are primarily Appalachian oak forests, with cove forest and hemlock also present.

Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals.

**Additional Comments:** The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does not have any public land inhabited by elk that can be managed for elk. One of the major obstacles to elk management in North Carolina (outside of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park) is finding public lands that are suitable for development as elk habitat and for eventual use as a public hunting area. There are a few areas on National Forest lands that are currently used by elk, but those lands may be restricted for management for elk under the current management restrictions of the US Forest Service. The Wycle Fork Tract is located in close proximity to other tracts in the project area. Efforts are being made to investigate the possibilities of connecting the area tracts through additional acquisitions. Future acquisitions to improve access to the tracts are also being investigated. Acquisition of the Wycle Fork Tract will help achieve this goal. The Wycle Fork Tract provides improved access from the 55 acre Silvers/Williams Tract, over to the 728 acre Silvers/Williams Tract. Another goal of this purchase would be to acquire public land that already has elk on it, or in close proximity to it, that could be managed as elk habitat, or used for conducting elk research. Having WRC owned land that can sustain a huntable elk herd is also a consideration.

Estimated five-year stewardship expenditures include marking and maintaining 2.25 miles of property boundary at \$1,822.50. Opportunities to create early successional habitat may exist along the hardwood ridges, but further exploration is necessary to determine extent of habitat potential.

No short-term revenue is anticipated.

**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):**

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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition    ☐ Defer    ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes    ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name Wycle Fork Tract (Haywood County)

Criterion Score (1-5)  
5=Excellent 1=Poor

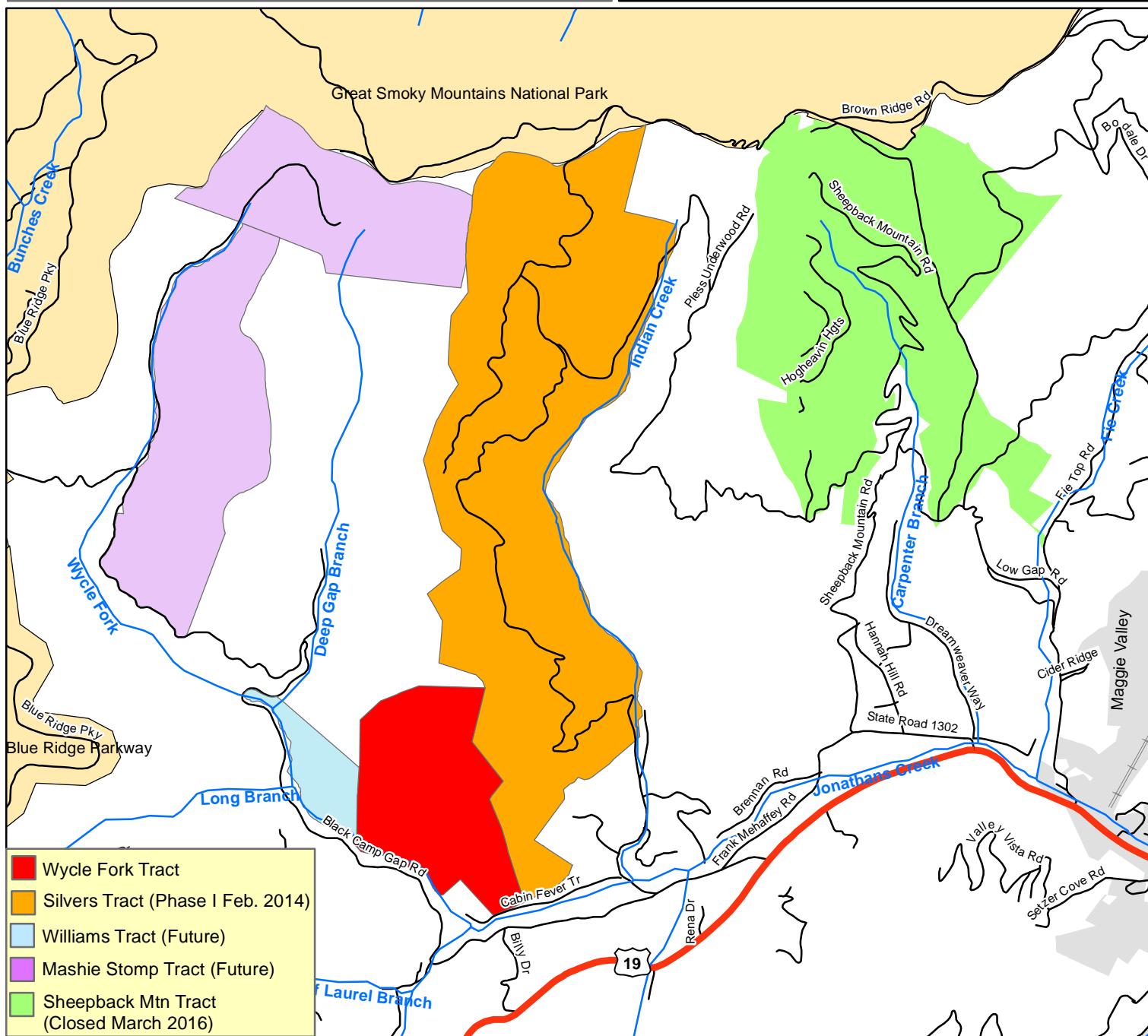
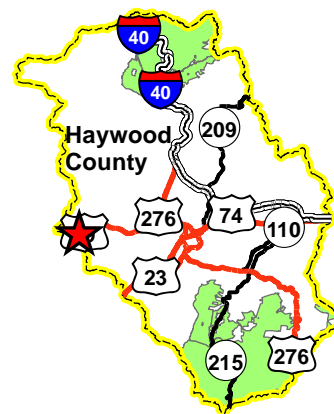
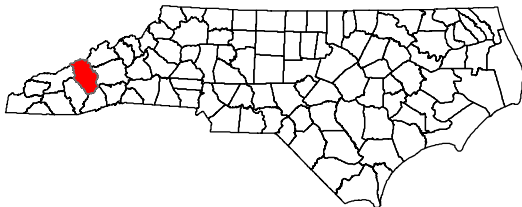
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| 1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.   | <u>5</u>   |
| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based 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>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>Yes</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** 29

Wycle Fork Tract (Haywood County) - Priority Species			
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
Plethodon glutinosus	Slimy Salamander		
Plethodon jordani	Red-cheeked Salamander		
Plethodon ventralis	Southern Zigzag Salamander		SC
Desmognathus imitator	Imitator Salamander		
Desmognathus santeetlah	Santeetlah Dusky Salamander		SR
Desmognathus wrighti	Pygmy Salamander		SR
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander		SC
Necturus maculosus	Mudpuppy		SC
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis	Hellbender		SC
BIRDS			
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
Falco sparverius	American Kestrel		
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon		E
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
Tyto alba	Barn Owl		SR
Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Empidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher		SR
Empidonax minimus	Least Flycatcher		
Corvus corax	Common Raven		
Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
Certhia americana	Brown Creeper		SC
Troglodytes troglodytes	Winter Wren		
Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Vermivora chrysoptera	Golden-winged Warbler		SC
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler		SC
Limnothlypis swainsonii	Swainson's Warbler		
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow		
Icterus galbula	Baltimore Oriole		
MAMMALS			
Sorex dispar	Long-tailed Shrew		SC
Sorex hoyi	Pygmy Shrew		
Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat		
Lasiurus seminolus	Seminole Bat		
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern Myotis		
Myotis leibii	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
Sylvilagus obscurus	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
Zapus hudsonius	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
Mustela nivalis	Least Weasel		SR-G
Spilogale putorius	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
REPTILES			
Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
Apalone spinifera spinifera	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
Eumeces anthracinus	Coal Skink		SR
Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides	Scarlet Kingsnake		
Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum	Eastern Milk Snake		
Virginia valeriae	Smooth Earth Snake		



# Wycle Fork Tract Haywood County 172 Acres

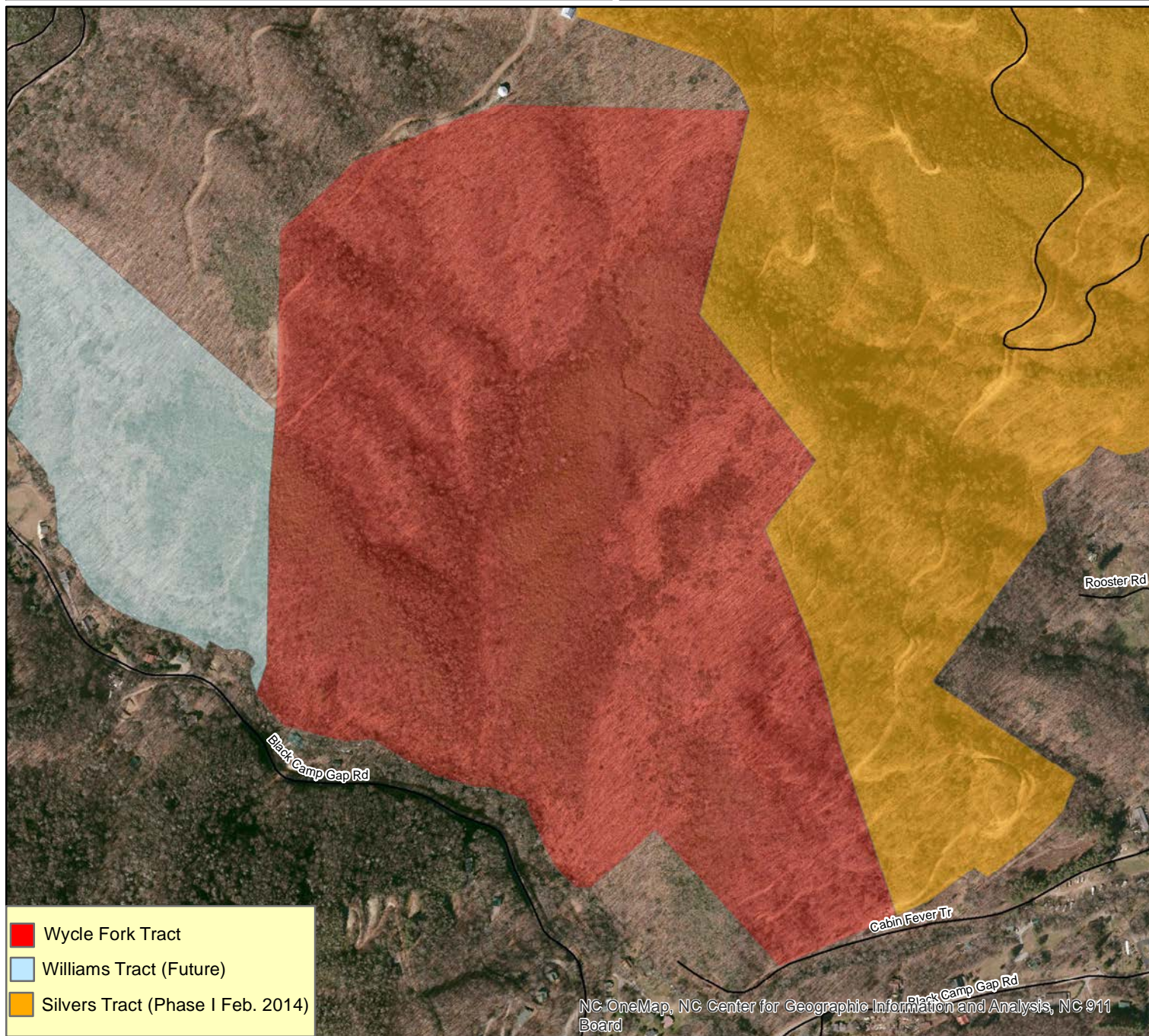
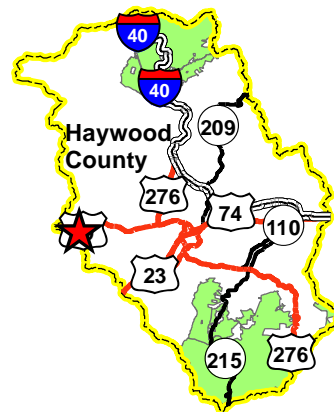
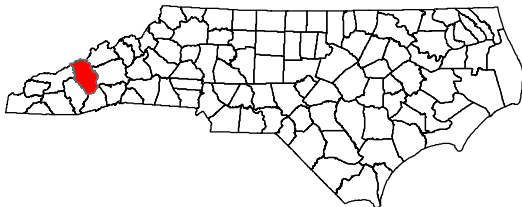


March 27, 2016

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March 27, 2016

0 250 500 1,000 Feet





# EXHIBIT H-1

April 21, 2016

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Copy all columns in this row to the right of this yellow cell and paste in new rows					Select One	Select One		Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 10F - MOTORBOATS AND WATER SAFETY	SECTION .0100 - MOTORBOAT REGISTRATION	15A NCAC 10F .0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER	APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER	Amended Eff. August 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	Amended Eff. August 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0104 CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER	CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER	Eff. February 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0105 NUMBERING PATTERN	NUMBERING PATTERN	Eff. February 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS	DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS	Eff. February 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0107 VALIDATION DECAL (EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014)	VALIDATION DECAL (EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014)	Amended Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0107 VALIDATION DECAL (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015)	VALIDATION DECAL (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015)	Amended Eff. January 1, 2015	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0109 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER	TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER	Amended Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 123 and 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10F .0110 ABANDONED VESSELS	ABANDONED VESSELS	Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 174	Select One	Select One
		SECTION .0200 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND ACCIDENT REPORTS	15A NCAC 10F .0201 SAFETY EQUIPMENT	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	Amended Eff. November 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46CFR 25, 33CFR 175	Select One
15A NCAC 10F .0202 ACCIDENT REPORTS	ACCIDENT REPORTS		Amended Eff. November 1, 1999	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	46USC 6102, 33CFR 174	Select One	Select One	
SECTION .0300 - LOCAL WATER SAFETY REGULATIONS	15A NCAC 10F .0301 GENERAL PROVISIONS	GENERAL PROVISIONS	Amended Eff. April 1, 1999	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One	
	15A NCAC 10F .0302 ATLANTIC BEACH	ATLANTIC BEACH	Amended Eff. July 1, 1998	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One	



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		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0303 BEAUFORT COUNTY</u>	BEAUFORT COUNTY	Amended Eff. September 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0304 BLADEN COUNTY</u>	BLADEN COUNTY	Amended Eff. April 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0305 BRUNSWICK COUNTY</u>	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	Amended Eff. April 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0306 CAROLINA BEACH</u>	CAROLINA BEACH	Amended Eff. March 1, 1983	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0307 CATAWBA: IREDELL: LINCOLN AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES</u>	CATAWBA: IREDELL: LINCOLN AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES	Amended Eff. July 1, 1998	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0308 CLAY COUNTY</u>	CLAY COUNTY	Amended Eff. June 1, 2005	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0309 COLUMBUS COUNTY</u>	COLUMBUS COUNTY	Amended Eff. April 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0310 DARE COUNTY</u>	DARE COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2000	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0311 GRANVILLE, VANCE AND WARREN COUNTIES</u>	GRANVILLE, VANCE AND WARREN COUNTIES	Amended Eff. May 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0312 HENDERSON COUNTY</u>	HENDERSON COUNTY	Eff. February 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0313 HYDE COUNTY</u>	HYDE COUNTY	Amended Eff. February 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0314 NEW HANOVER COUNTY</u>	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 1993	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0315 POLK COUNTY</u>	POLK COUNTY	Eff. February 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0316 FORSYTH: ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES COUNTIES</u>	FORSYTH: ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES COUNTIES	Amended Eff. May 1, 1976	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0317 STANLY COUNTY</u>	STANLY COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2000	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0318 WARREN COUNTY</u>	WARREN COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One



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		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0319 WASHINGTON COUNTY</u>	WASHINGTON COUNTY	Amended Eff. February 1, 1995	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0320 ONSLOW COUNTY</u>	ONSLOW COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 1993	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0321 PENDER COUNTY</u>	PENDER COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2000	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0322 UNION COUNTY</u>	UNION COUNTY	Amended Eff. March 1, 1987	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0323 BURKE COUNTY</u>	BURKE COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0324 DAVIDSON COUNTY</u>	DAVIDSON COUNTY	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0325 CHOWAN COUNTY</u>	CHOWAN COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0326 PAMLICO COUNTY</u>	PAMLICO COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0327 MONTGOMERY COUNTY</u>	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Amended Eff. August 1, 2006	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0328 MARTIN COUNTY</u>	MARTIN COUNTY	Eff. June 18, 1978	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0329 ROWAN COUNTY</u>	ROWAN COUNTY	Amended Eff. December 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0330 CARTERET COUNTY</u>	CARTERET COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2012	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0331 WAKE COUNTY</u>	WAKE COUNTY	Eff. March 4, 1979	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0332 ALEXANDER COUNTY</u>	ALEXANDER COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0333 MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTIES</u>	MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTIES	Amended Eff. October 1, 2015	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0334 GUILFORD COUNTY</u>	GUILFORD COUNTY	Eff. August 31, 1980	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One



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		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0336 NORTHAMPTON AND WARREN COUNTIES</u>	NORTHAMPTON AND WARREN COUNTIES	Amended Eff. May 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0337 FRANKLIN COUNTY</u>	FRANKLIN COUNTY	Eff. August 23, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0338 CALDWELL COUNTY</u>	CALDWELL COUNTY	Eff. August 23, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0339 MCDOWELL COUNTY</u>	MCDOWELL COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0340 CURRITUCK COUNTY</u>	CURRITUCK COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2015	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0341 TOWN OF LAKE LURE</u>	TOWN OF LAKE LURE	Eff. May 1, 1982	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0342 CATAWBA COUNTY</u>	CATAWBA COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 2000	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0343 CHATHAM COUNTY</u>	CHATHAM COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2004	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0344 TOWN OF RIVER BEND</u>	TOWN OF RIVER BEND	Amended Eff. December 1, 1985	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0345 CHATHAM AND WAKE COUNTIES</u>	CHATHAM AND WAKE COUNTIES	Amended Eff. May 1, 2013	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0346 ARROWHEAD BEACH SUBDIVISION</u>	ARROWHEAD BEACH SUBDIVISION	Eff. August 1, 1983	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0347 CRAVEN COUNTY</u>	CRAVEN COUNTY	Amended Eff. July 1, 1998	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0348 PERSON COUNTY</u>	PERSON COUNTY	Amended Eff. December 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0349 JOHN H. MOSS LAKE</u>	JOHN H. MOSS LAKE	Eff. August 1, 1984	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0350 DURHAM AND WAKE COUNTIES</u>	DURHAM AND WAKE COUNTIES	Amended Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One



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		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0351 NEW BERN</u>	NEW BERN	Eff. October 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0352 CAMDEN COUNTY</u>	CAMDEN COUNTY	Amended Eff. February 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0353 MOUNTAIN ISLAND LAKE: MECKLENBURG, GASTON AND LINCOLN COUNTIES</u>	MOUNTAIN ISLAND LAKE: MECKLENBURG, GASTON AND LINCOLN COUNTIES	Amended Eff. January 1, 2015	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0354 PITT COUNTY</u>	PITT COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2014	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0355 PERQUIMANS COUNTY</u>	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	Amended Eff. January 1, 2015	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0356 PASQUOTANK COUNTY</u>	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	Eff. December 1, 1988	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0357 NASH COUNTY</u>	NASH COUNTY	Eff. May 1, 1989	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0358 JONES COUNTY</u>	JONES COUNTY	Eff. May 1, 1989	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0359 CHEROKEE COUNTY</u>	CHEROKEE COUNTY	Amended Eff. November 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0360 GRAHAM COUNTY</u>	GRAHAM COUNTY	Amended Eff. May 1, 2004	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0361 WILKES COUNTY</u>	WILKES COUNTY	Eff. September 1, 1989	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0362 HARNETT COUNTY</u>	HARNETT COUNTY	Eff. August 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0363 CASWELL AND PERSON COUNTIES</u>	CASWELL AND PERSON COUNTIES	Eff. November 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0364 GREENSBORO</u>	GREENSBORO	Eff. August 1, 1991	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0365 TYRRELL COUNTY</u>	TYRRELL COUNTY	Amended Eff. September 1, 2011	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0366 MACON COUNTY</u>	MACON COUNTY	Amended Eff. June 1, 2005	Necessary with substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One

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		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0367 HOKE COUNTY</u>	HOKE COUNTY	Eff. July 1, 2000	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0368 TOWN OF NAGS HEAD</u>	TOWN OF NAGS HEAD	Eff. April 1, 2003	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0369 TOWN OF SWANSBORO</u>	TOWN OF SWANSBORO	Amended Eff. June 1, 2005	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0370 CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT</u>	CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT	Eff. May 1, 2004	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0371 BELEWS LAKE IN STOKES COUNTY</u>	BELEWS LAKE IN STOKES COUNTY	Eff. February 1, 2006	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0372 HERTFORD COUNTY</u>	HERTFORD COUNTY	Eff. May 1, 2006	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0373 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY</u>	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	Eff. November 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0374 ALCOA POWER GENERATING INC. HYDROELECTRIC STATION SAFETY ZONES</u>	ALCOA POWER GENERATING INC. HYDROELECTRIC STATION SAFETY ZONES	Eff. January 1, 2008	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0375 DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION HYDROELECTRIC STATION SAFETY ZONES</u>	DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION HYDROELECTRIC STATION SAFETY ZONES	Eff. January 1, 2008	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One
		<u>15A NCAC 10F .0376 TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE</u>	TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE	Amended Eff. August 1, 2011	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	33CFR 62	Select One	Select One



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SUBCHAPTER 10H - REGULATED ACTIVITIES	SECTION .0100 - CONTROLLED HUNTING PRESERVES FOR DOMESTICALLY RAISED GAME BIRDS	15A NCAC 10H .0101	LICENSE TO OPERATE	Amended Eff. August 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0102	ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION	Amended Eff. June 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0103	LABELING	Amended Eff. November 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0104	QUALITY OF BIRDS RELEASED	Amended Eff. August 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0105	RECORDS REQUIRED	Amended Eff. November 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0106	HUNTING LICENSE REQUIRED	Amended Eff. November 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0107	REVOCATION OF LICENSE TO OPERATE	Amended Eff. November 1, 1990	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0108	BIRD FEEDERS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0109	QUAIL CALL - PEN TRAPS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0110	SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING	Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - HOLDING WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY	15A NCAC 10H .0301	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2010	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0302	MINIMUM STANDARDS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2010	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0303	FORFEITURE	Amended Eff. August 1, 2004	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0304	CAPTIVE CERVID HERD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	Eff. May 1, 2010	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0800 - FALCONRY	15A NCAC 10H .0801	DEFINITIONS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.28; 50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0802	PERMIT AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.28; 50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One



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		15A NCAC 10H .0803	APPLICATION FOR LICENSE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes	50 CFR 21.28; 50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0804	EXAMINATION	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0805	DURATION OF License	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.28	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0806	ACQUISITION, SALE AND STATUS CHANGE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.28; 50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0807	LEVELS OF LICENSES	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0808	FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0809	MARKING	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0810	TAKING RAPTORS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0811	OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0812	INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION	Amended Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0814	RELEASE OF RAPTORS OR MOVED TO OTHER PERMIT	Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0815	OTHER USES AND ALLOWED ACTIVITIES	Eff. January 1, 2012	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.29	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0900 – GAME BIRD PROPAGATORS	15A NCAC 10H .0901	GAME BIRD PROPAGATION LICENSE	Amended Eff. June 1, 2005	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0903	ACQUISITION OF BIRDS OR EGGS	Eff. January 1, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0904	DISPOSITION OF BIRDS OR EGGS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2010	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0905	TRANSPORTATION	Eff. January 1, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0906	RECORDS	Eff. January 1, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .0907	QUAIL CALL - PEN TRAPS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One



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	SECTION .1000 - TAXIDERMISTRY	15A NCAC 10H .1002	DUTY OF TAXIDERMIST	Eff. March 1, 1981	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1003	RECORDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 1989	Necessary without substantive public interest	Yes If yes, include the citation to the federal law	50 CFR 21.24	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1004	PURCHASE AND SALE OF WILDLIFE	Amended Eff. December 1, 1983	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1005	TAXIDERMISTRY PRESERVATION FACILITY	Eff. September 1, 1989	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
	SECTION .1100 - FURBEARER PROPAGATION	15A NCAC 10H .1101	APPLICATION FOR LICENSE	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1102	LICENSE AUTHORIZATION	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1103	POSTING AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1104	CAGES	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1105	SANITATION AND CARE	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1106	HUMANE TREATMENT	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1107	RECORDS	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1108	INSPECTIONS	Eff. April 1, 1986	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
	SECTION .1200 - CONTROLLED FOX HUNTING PRESERVES	15A NCAC 10H .1201	LICENSE TO OPERATE	Amended Eff. June 1, 2004	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1202	ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION	Amended Eff. June 1, 2004	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1203	QUALITY OF FOXES AND COYOTES RELEASED	Amended Eff. June 1, 2004	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1204	RECORDS REQUIRED	Amended Eff. June 1, 2004	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1205	HUNTING LICENSE REQUIRED	Eff. August 1, 1990	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1206	CARE OF FOXES	Eff. August 1, 1990	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1207	REVOCAION OF LICENSE TO OPERATE	Eff. August 1, 1990	Necessary with substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
	SECTION .1300 - REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS	15A NCAC 10H .1301	COMMERCIAL TAKE OF CERTAIN TURTLES AND TERRAPINS PROHIBITED	Eff. May 1, 2007	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10H .1302	POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2009	Necessary without substantive public interest	No		Select One	Select One

# EXHIBIT I

April 21, 2016



## **15A NCAC 10F .0347(a)(5) – City of Havelock Slocum Creek – No Wake Zone Review of One Comment and Final Adoption**

The City of Havelock's request for permanent rulemaking for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F.0347, to establish a no wake zone on a portion of Slocum Creek, was published in the *North Carolina Register* for at least 60 days with an open comment period per the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

One public hearing was held during the open comment period, with no comments. One comment was submitted by email in favor of the no wake zone amendment to mitigate hazards to water safety:

We have seen a tremendous increase in boat and jet ski traffic on the section of Slocum Creek that our property is located on. The creek is very narrow here and there is a very, very sharp turn as well. It is a blind turn and it is not possible to see what is coming from the other direction. We have seen boats and jet skis take this turn so fast that it would not be possible to stop if someone were coming from the other direction. With the installation of the proposed kayak ramp it can reasonably be expected that there will be a large increase in kayak traffic on this section of the creek. Boats, jet skis and kayaks will all be traveling on this winding, narrow section of the creek. If something is not done to slow the boat and jet ski traffic there will be accidents. Kayakers will not have the time or space to avoid boats and jet skis if they are allowed to continue to operate at the speeds we currently see them operating at every day. We implore you to make this No Wake Zone happen to protect public safety. People will be seriously injured or killed. Please do the right thing to help keep our waterways safe for all users. This is a dangerous section of water and the speeds must be controlled.

Staff therefore recommends final adoption of the amendment by the Commission. Upon adoption, the rule will be presented for final review by the Rules Review Commission and codification in the North Carolina Administrative Code.



**15A NCAC 10F .0347 CRAVEN COUNTY**

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters in Craven County:

- (1) that portion of Northwest Creek between the entrance buoys at Fairfield Harbour Marina and the mouth of Spring Creek, and to all of Spring Creek, including the bulkheaded area of Fairfield Harbour, in Craven County;
- (2) that area of water between the entrance buoys of the Olde Towne Lake, from the Trent River and including all of Olde Towne Lake and the bulkhead area of Olde Towne Harbour itself;
- (3) Matthews Point Marina. That triangular portion within 300 feet on either side and 150 feet straight off of the main pier at Matthews Point Marina located on Clubfoot and Mitchell Creeks, at the end of SR 1711 in the Harlowe area of Craven County;
- (4) that area of water within 50 yards of the fuel dock at Eastern Carolina Yacht Club; and
- (5) that portion of Slocum Creek in the City of Havelock, shore to shore east of a line from a point on the northern shore at 34.89122 N, 76.92302 W to a point on the southern shore at 34.89102 N, 76.92304 W and extending northeast, shore to shore to a line from a point on the northern shore at 34.8937 N, 76.92109 W to a point on the southeast shore at 34.89358 N, 76.92089 W.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Green Springs Boys Club Swimming Area - No person shall operate a vessel within the Green Springs Boys Club Swimming Area along the Neuse River as designated by marker buoys and float lines.

(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Craven County is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing ~~this Rule~~, Subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(e) The City of Havelock is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing Subparagraph (5) of this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.







# EXHIBIT J

April 21, 2016



## TEMPORARY RULEMAKING FOR AMENDMENT TO 15A NCAC 10F .0330 - CARTERET COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission requests temporary rulemaking for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0330 - Taylor's Creek in Beaufort, Carteret County. WRC was contacted by local residents near Taylor's Creek, who reported that the channel marker 1A, which originally marked the eastern point where the Taylor's Creek no wake zone ends [(a)(10)], has been removed. In addition, the US Army Corps of Engineers has redredged Taylor's Creek, moving the channel within the creek toward the north shore and out into open waters. USACE will not concur with placement of a no wake zone within a federal channel or its setback in open waters.

Because the landmark has been removed, and because of confusion about the location of the channel and setback, staff requests temporary rulemaking to clarify and correct the description of the Taylor's Creek no wake zone in (a)(2) of the Rule. A temporary rule will allow proper enforcement of this busy creek during the boating season. Staff will follow with permanent rulemaking.

Staff requests action to submit proposed temporary rule text to OAH, with one public hearing and a compressed public comment period. The WRC may adopt the temporary rule at least 30 days after its submission to OAH.

**15A NCAC 10F .0330      CARTERET COUNTY**

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters in Carteret County:

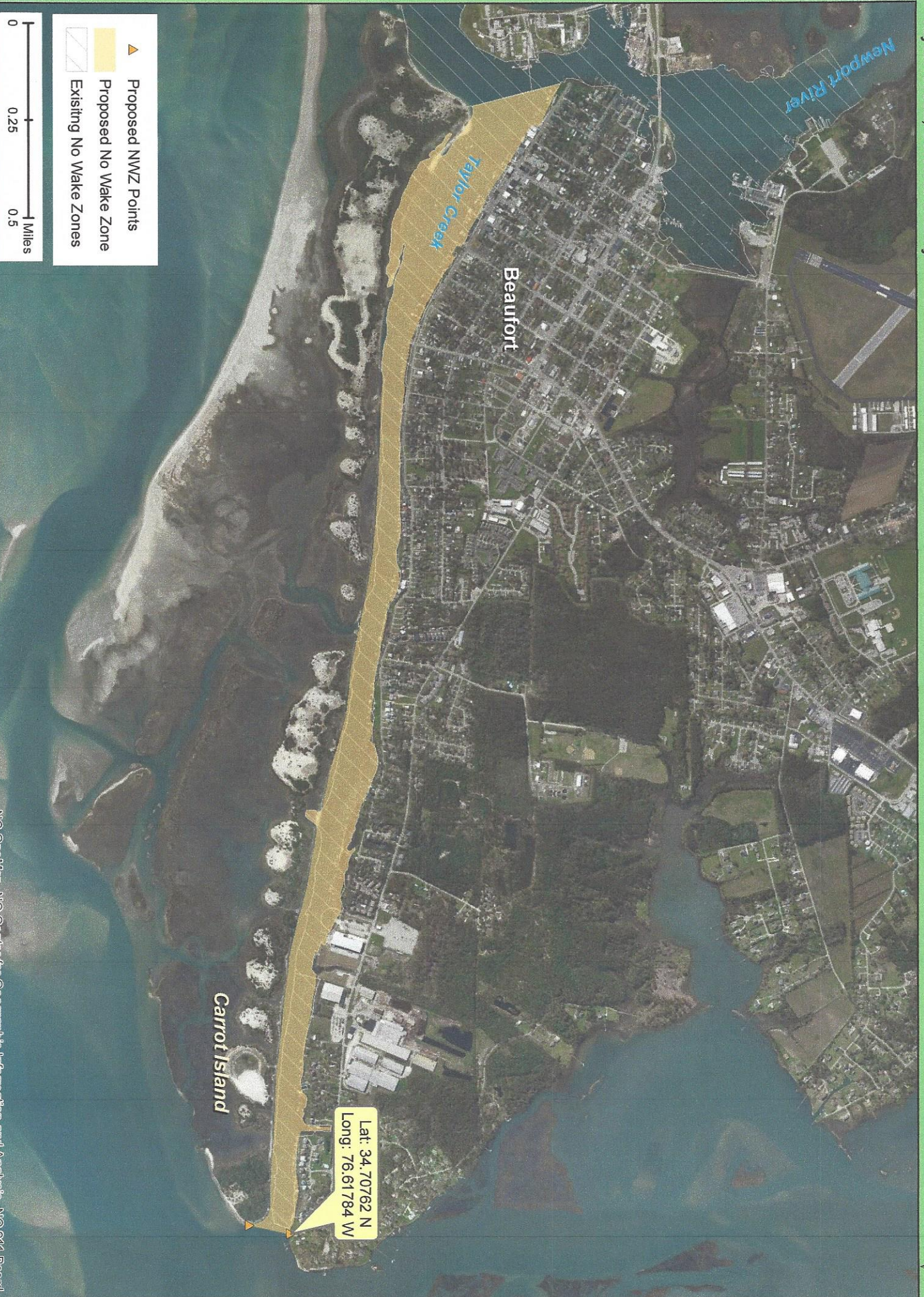
- (1) the waters of Money Island Slough beginning at the east end of Money Island near the Anchorage Marina Basin and ending at the west end of Money Island where Brooks Avenue deadends at the slough;
- (2) the waters of Taylor Creek located within the territorial limits of the Town of Beaufort; Taylor's Creek in Beaufort, shore to shore from where it meets the Newport River at the western end to a line at the eastern end between a point on the north shore at 34.70762 N, 76.61784 W, south-southwest to the eastern tip of Carrot Island.
- (3) the waters of Pelletier Creek beginning at the entrance to Pelletier Creek at the Intracoastal Waterway and ending at U.S. Highway 70;
- (4) the waters of Bogue Sound Harbor Channel in Morehead City between Sugar Loaf Island and the seawall on the south side of Evans, Shepard and Shackelford Streets and bounded on the east by the State Ports Authority and on the west by the eastern right-of-way margin of South 13th Street extended;
- (5) the waters of Gallant's Channel from the US 70 crossing over the Grayden Paul bridge to Taylor's Creek;
- (6) the waters of Cedar Island Bay and Harbor from N.C. Highway 12 to Cedar Island Bay Channel Light 8;
- (7) the waters of the small cove on the west side of Radio Island south of Old Causeway Road;
- (8) the waters of the Newport River beginning at the north side of the Beaufort Drawbridge and ending at marker #6;
- (9) the waters of Spooners Creek within the territorial limits of the Town of Morehead City as delineated by appropriate markers;
- (10) the waters of Taylor's Creek from the eastern end of the current no wake zone eastward to Channel Marker #1A;
- (11) (10) the waters of the Newport River at Bogue Sound including all waters surrounding the Port of Morehead City to Brandt Island as delineated by appropriate markers;
- (12) (11) the waters of Morgans Creek as delineated by appropriate markers;
- (13) (12) the waters of Cannonsgate Marina and the Cannonsgate Marina Channel, beginning at its intersection with Bogue Sound at 34.70163 N, 76.98157 W as delineated by appropriate markers; and
- (14) (13) the waters of the Newport River within 200 yards of the Newport River Beach Access Boat Ramp, beginning at the shore north of the U.S. 70 bridge at a point at 34.72141 N, 76.68707 W, west to a point at 34.72128 N, 76.68893 W, north to a point at 34.72376 N, 76.68911 N, then east to the shore at 34.72371 N, 76.68631 W.

(b) Speed Limit. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat or vessel at a speed greater than no-wake speed while on the waters of the regulated areas designated in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, with respect to the regulated areas designated in Subparagraphs (1), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (12), (11) and (13) (12) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Beaufort, with respect to the regulated area designated in Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and the Board of Commissioners of Morehead City, with respect to Subparagraph (4), (9), and (14) (13) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and the North Carolina State Ports Authority, with respect to the regulated area designated in Subparagraph (11) (10) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule are designated as suitable agencies for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;*







# EXHIBIT K-1

April 21, 2016



## Fiscal Note Review of Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Rule Amendment 15A NCAC 10F .0346 – Arrowhead Beach Subdivision, Chowan County

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Impact: State Government - No  
Local Government: Yes  
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15

The proposed permanent amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0346 would create a no wake zone in the waters of an unnamed canal off the Chowan River, in Arrowhead Beach Subdivision (see Appendices 1 and 2).

Agency enforcement staff have investigated the area. Findings are that there are sufficient water safety hazards caused by heavy vessel traffic in the narrow canal to warrant placement of a no wake zone within the entire canal.

Chowan County will mark the no-wake zone and maintain the signage. The one-time cost to the County for providing three markers will be no more than \$2,000. Each buoy is estimated to cost no more than \$300 and would need to be replaced no more often than ten years. While the agency cannot quantify the opportunity cost of local government staff time to purchase, place, or maintain the signage and the buoys, this cost is anticipated to be minimal.

**State Impact Analysis:** Minimal. There may be a small opportunity cost of having an additional no-wake zone that WRC officers would need to patrol. Since there would be no additional staff hired to enforce the new no-wake zone, this zone would displace a small part of the normal duties or regular patrol routes of existing officers.

**Local Impact Analysis:** Chowan County will install signs at a cost of no more than \$2,000.

**Substantial Economic Impact:** There will be no substantial economic impact to the public.



## APPENDIX 1

### 15A NCAC 10F. 0346 ARROWHEAD BEACH SUBDIVISION

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters or portions of waters in Chowan County:

- (1) Chowan River: that portion adjoining the shoreline of the Arrowhead Beach Subdivision Park and having dimensions of approximately 350 by 600 feet containing a marked swimming area and the area within 200 feet of the pier, the whole being designated as the recreational Area;
- (2) Indian Creek: that portion adjoining the Arrowhead Beach Subdivision- Subdivision;
- (3) Chowan River: the waters of an unnamed canal in Arrowhead Beach Subdivision, shore to shore at its intersection with the Chowan River at 36.22508 N, 76.70787 W.

(b) Swimming Area. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter the swimming area described in Subparagraph (1) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Obstruction of Swimmers or Boats. No person shall place or maintain within the Recreational Area described in Subparagraph (1) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule any poles, cables, lines, nets, trotlines, fish traps or other obstructions or hazards to swimmers or boats, excepting those necessary to the proper marking of the area pursuant to this Rule.

(d) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in the area described in ~~Subparagraph~~ Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(e) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The board of Commissioners of Chowan County is designated a suitable agency for the placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On condition that the said board of commissioners exercise its supervisory responsibility, it may delegate the actual placement and maintenance of markers to some responsible person or organization. With regard to marking the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the supplementary standards contained in Paragraph (g) of Rule .0301 of this Section shall apply.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

## APPENDIX 2





# EXHIBIT K-2

April 21, 2016



## PROPOSED PERMANENT RULEMAKING AMENDMENT TO 15A NCAC 10F .0346 - ARROWHEAD BEACH SUBDIVISION CHOWAN COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission has received a formal application from the Chowan County Board of Commissioners requesting a no wake zone within the waters of an unnamed canal off of the Chowan River in the Arrowhead Beach Subdivision.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on September 8, 2015 and submitted a Resolution (attached) requesting that the WRC undertake rulemaking to create a no wake zone in the unnamed canal. Agency staff has investigated the area and agrees that a no wake zone is necessary in this narrow canal with a lot of vessel traffic.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve publishing the *Notice of Text* for adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0346(a)(3) in the *NC Register*, with an open comment period of at least 60 days and one local public hearing per the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon the close of the open comment period, the WRC would then consider adoption of the no wake zone.

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- (d) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in the area described in Subparagraph Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- (e) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The board of Commissioners of Chowan County is designated a suitable agency for the placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On condition that the said board of commissioners exercise its supervisory responsibility, it may delegate the actual placement and maintenance of markers to some responsible person or organization. With regard to marking the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the supplementary standards contained in Paragraph (g) of Rule .0301 of this Section shall apply.



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County of Chowan

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, under the authority of North Carolina General Statutes Section 75A-15(a) any subdivision of the State of North Carolina may at any time, after public notice, make formal application to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on any water within its territorial limits; and

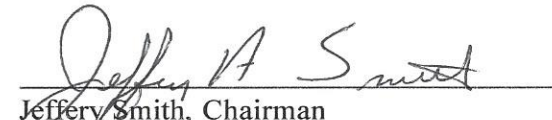
**WHEREAS**, Chowan County has given public notice of its intentions to make formal application to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels within its territorial limits of Chowan County and for the implementation of the Uniform Waterway Marker System in all the waters of the county; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.C.G.S. 75A-15(a), the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County requests the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate special rules and regulations with reference to safe and reasonable operation of vessels on the waters of an unnamed canal located in the Arrowhead Beach Subdivision located in said county, the pertinent substance of which proposed rules is as follows:

- A no wake zone designation for an unnamed canal in the Arrowhead Beach Subdivision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the said Board of Commissioners requests the said Commission promulgate regulations fully implementing the Uniform Waterway Marker System in all of the waters of the said county.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER. 2015**

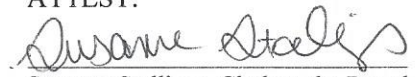
  
Jeffery Smith, Chairman  
Chowan County Board of Commissioners

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify the above is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located at 305 West Freeman St. Edenton, NC on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

(County Seal)

ATTEST:

  
Susanne Stallings, Clerk to the Board