



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

February 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Coley*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Wes Seegars*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – *Chairman John Coley*

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 inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman John Coley*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Take action on the December 7, 2017 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 – *Executive Director Gordon Myers* (**EXHIBIT B**)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 LAWRENCE G. DIEDRICK SMALL GAME AWARDS
– *Chairman John Coley and Executive Director Gordon Myers*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report February 7, 2018 – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*

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

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee Report – *Mike Johnson, Chair*

Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report January 24, 2018 in New Bern –
Richard Edwards, Chair

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Committee of the Whole Report – *Chairman John Coley*

Break for Photographs

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – HUMAN/WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS HOTLINE - Receive a presentation highlighting the progress of the *NC Wildlife Helpline* during its first year– *Daron Barnes, Section Manager – Customer Service Section*

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

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

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

Public Comments and Rulemaking for 2018 – 2019 Inland Fishing Rules – Receive public comments on proposed changes to inland fishing Rules received from statewide public hearings, internet portal, and correspondence. Review and consider for adoption proposed changes to the 2018-2019 inland fishing Rules – *Christian Waters* (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2**)

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*

Public Comments and Rulemaking for 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rules – Receive public comments on proposed changes to wildlife management Rules received from statewide public hearings, internet portal, and correspondence. Review and consider for adoption proposed changes to the 2018-2019 wildlife management Rules – *David Cobb (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)*

Coyote Management Plan – Consider staff recommendations for final adoption of the Coyote Management Plan – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E)*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions – Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief; Kris Smith, Wildlife Education Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3)*

- Corpening Tract – Burke County (Exhibit F-1)
- Aydlette Tract – Camden County (Exhibit F-2)
- Camp McCall – Rutherford County (Exhibit F-3)

Easement Request – Consider a request from NCDOT for an easement across Sandhills Game Land – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT G)*

Easement Request – Consider a request for an easement across the Wood Tract of Nantahala Game Land in Jackson County – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT H)*

Other Property Matters – Consider a request from a non-profit to exchange four acres at Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land for 12 acres of land in Currituck County – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT I)*

McDowell County Shooting Range – Consider approval to partner with McDowell County to design and construct a shooting range facility – *Gary Gardner, Engineering Section Chief (EXHIBIT J)*

Summary of Public Comments – Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to game lands management regulations, received from statewide district public hearings held in January and February 2018, from WRC internet portal, and correspondence. Review and consider adoption of proposed changes in the 2018-2019 game land management regulations – *Brian McRae – Brian McRae (EXHIBIT K-1, K-2)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0300 – Local Water Safety Regulations – Consider request to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 7 water safety regulations, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period. Approve Fiscal Note – *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

Rulemaking Notice of Text and Fiscal Note – 15A NCAC 10F .0320 Queens Creek, Onslow County – Consider request by the Onslow County to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0320, to establish a no-wake zone at a Boating Access Area on Queens Creek in Hubert. Approve Fiscal Note – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT M-1, M-2)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman John Coley*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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