



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 5, 2017, 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 Mike Johnson*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Hayden Rogers*

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 John Litton Clark*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2017 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONER - Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the minutes relevant portions of the evaluation by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2017 Statement of Economic Interest for Thomas Fonville – *Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Take action on the August 23, 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 – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director (EXHIBIT B)*

2017-2018 Endowment Fund Annual Interest Allocation Report- Receive a financial status report and take action on the allocation of interest from the Endowment Fund for 2017-2018 *Gordon Myers (EXHIBIT C)*

RECOGNITION – EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS – Recognize and present service awards to Wildlife Resources Commission Employees - *Executive Director Gordon Myers*

Break for Photographs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Land Use and Access Committee Report – September 25, 2017 – *Tommy Fonville, Vice-Chair*

Land Use and Access Committee Report – October 4, 2017 – *Tommy Fonville*

Education Committee - *Joe Budd, Chair*

Committee of the Whole – *Chairman John Coley*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – HUMAN/WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS HOTLINE - Receive a presentation highlighting the *NC Wildlife Helpline* – *Jessie Birckhead, Extension Biologist – Wildlife Management Division and Daron Barnes, Section Manager – Customer Service Section*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

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

Rulemaking – 2018-2019 Fishing Rule Proposals – Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Inland Fisheries rules proposals to be presented at statewide public hearings - *Christian Waters* (**EXHIBIT D-1**)

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Fishing Rules – Review and approve the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Fishing rules – *Christian Waters* (**EXHIBIT D-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*

Rulemaking, 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rule Proposals – Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Wildlife Management rules proposals to be presented at statewide public hearings – *David Cobb* (**EXHIBIT E-1**)

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rules – Review and approve the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Wildlife Management rules – *David Cobb* (**EXHIBIT E-2**)

North Carolina Alligator Management Plan – Receive from the Alligator Task Force and consider final adoption of the North Carolina Alligator Management Plan – *Allen Boynton, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator* (**EXHIBIT F**)

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* (**EXHIBITS G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4**)

- Salter’s Creek Tract – Carteret County (G-1)
- Fosters Creek Preserve Tract – Polk County (G-2)
- Rocky Swamp Tract – Halifax County (G-3)
- Maggot Springs Gap Tract – Haywood County (G-4)

Phase II Land Acquisitions - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Brian McRae* (**EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5**)

- Godwin Tract – Pender County (H-1)
- Long Ridge Tract – Onslow County (H-2)
- Drowning Creek Tract – Scotland County (H-3)
- Palmetto Peartree Preserve Tract – Tyrrell County (H-4)
- Johns River Tract – Burke and Caldwell counties (H-5)

Easement Requests – Consider acquisition of an easement from the Raynor family to provide permanent administrative access to the Sandbanks Tract of Chowan Swamp Game Lands and consider conveyance of an easement to The Nature Conservancy to provide administrative access from the Sandbanks Tract of Chowan Swamp Game Land to an adjacent parcel in Virginia – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT I)*

Property Disposal – Consider approval to proceed with disposition of a house on Texas Plantation Game Land – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT J)*

Rulemaking - Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 game land management rules to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT K-1)*

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Game Land Management Rules – Review and approve the fiscal note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Game Land Management rules – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT 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 25 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)*

CONSIDERATION OF 2018 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE - Consider adoption of the 2018 schedule of meetings of the Wildlife Resources Commission – *Executive Director Gordon Myers (EXHIBIT M)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman John Coley*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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