

AGENDA N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION August 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. 1751 Varsity Drive NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Monty Crump

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Ray Clifton

INVOCATION –Commissioner John Alexander

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict to notify the Chair of the same. – *Chairman Crump*

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the July 14, 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

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

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Boating Safety Committee Report- August 17, 2022 – Ray Clifton, Vice-Chair
Rules Committee Report – August 17, 2022 – David Hoyle, Vice Chair
Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – August 17, 2022 – Tom Berry, Chair
Habitat, Nongame, Endangered Species Committee Report – Aug. 17, 2022 – Mark Craig, Chair

Finance Committee Report – August 17, 2022 – Landon Zimmer, Chair Committee of the Whole Report – August 17, 2022 – Monty Crump, Chair

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE – Present the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Gary Dail, Coastal Region Construction Supervisor – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director*

CHECK PRESENTATION FROM DAVIDSON'S Inc. – Receive a donation from Davidson's for improvements to R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range – *Bill Bennett, Davidson's Senior Marketing Manager*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – PROVIDING ACCESS TO SHOOTING SPORTS – Steve Bailey, Facilities Construction Engineer and Josh Jernigan, Shooting Range Manager

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

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

LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

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

- Gaskins Swamp Bertie County (**D-1**)
- Dix Creek Tract Haywood County (**D-2**)

RULEMAKING

Emergency and Temporary Rulemaking for CWD – Consider request to adopt an emergency rule and concurrently notice a temporary rule for use and collection of substances containing cervid excretion from CWD Surveillance Areas – *Ashley Pekrul, Regulatory Analyst* (**EXHIBIT E**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10B .0201 Prohibited Taking and Manner of Take – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 15A NCAC 10B .0201 Prohibited Taking and Manner of Take – *Ashley Pekrul* **(EXHIBIT F)**

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10I .0103 - .0105 Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 10I .0103-.0105 Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species, to modify species lists. Review and consider approval of fiscal notes for proposed rule. – *Ashley Pekrul* (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption - 10B Wildlife Management – Readopt various 10B Wildlife Management rules as part of the periodic review. – *Ashley Pekrul* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption - 10C Inland Fishing — Readopt various 10C Inland Fisheries rules as part of the periodic review. —*Ashley Pekrul* (**EXHIBITS I-1, I-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10H .1510 Wildlife Control Technician Certification and Eligibility Requirements – Adopt Wildlife Control Technician Certification and Eligibility rule clarifying certification requirements and prohibited activities. – Ashley Pekrul (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10B .0101 Importation of Wild Animals and Birds – Adopt amendments to 10B .0101 Importation of Wild Animals and Birds rule to provide clarity on the importation of domestically raised game birds, chukars, and Hungarian partridges. – *Ashley Pekrul* (**EXHIBIT K**)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10A .1502 Replacement Costs of Wildlife – Adopt 10A .1501 Replacement Costs rule establishing and updating costs for various mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish. – Ashley Pekrul (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0208 Spawning Areas – Readopt 10C .0208 Spawning Areas, with amendments to remove specific prohibitions on the Linville River and Cape Fear River and prohibit fishing in the French Broad River sloughs from March through May. – *Ashley Pekrul* **(EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)**

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary rules to 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County in Sunset Beach – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator* (**EXHIBITS N-1, N-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County in Avon – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBITS 0-1, 0-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 New Hanover County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0314 to extend the no-wake zone in the navigation channel in a portion of Bradley Creek in Wilmington. Review and consider approval of Fiscal Note – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBITS P-1, P-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0361 Wilkes County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0361 to extend no-wake zones at Dam Site Park and to incorporate the entire cove where Smithey's Creek Boat Ramp and ADA Fishing Area and Fort Hamby BAA are located, to incorporate into the NCAC the Safety Zone adjacent to the dam, and to replace vague text language and itemize descriptions and locations of existing no-wake zones and marked swim areas – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT Q**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0336 Northampton and Warren counties – Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0336, to incorporate the Odom Boating Access Area on the Roanoke River and the Stonehouse Timber Lodge Marina on Lake Gaston in Littleton – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT R)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0326 Pamlico County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for proposed technical changes to correct addresses and describe and provide addresses for boating access areas in Pamlico County – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT S**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 Montgomery County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for a proposed technical correction to add the address for the Old North State Marina on Badin Lake in New London – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT T**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0301 General Provisions – Consider request to Publish Notice of Text in the NC Register, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for a technical correction to 15A NCAC 10F .0301(g), to remove language that limits the size of a Safety Zone to within 50 yards of a protected hydroelectric facility – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT U**)

CONSERVATION PLANS – Consider staff recommendations for final adoption of two Species Conservation Plans – Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Management Division (EXHIBITS V-1, V-2)

- Henslow's Sparrow (V-1)
- Atlantic Pigtoe (V-2)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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