

## AGENDA N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION August 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 1751 Varsity Drive NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Monty Crump

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at <u>www.ncwildlife.org</u>.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Steve Windham

**INVOCATION** – Commissioner Jim Ruffin

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 13, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the July 13, 2023 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. – *Jason Cottle, Chief Financial Officer* (EXHIBIT B)

# **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Rules Committee Report – August 23, 2023 – David Hoyle, Vice Chair Boating Safety Committee – August 23, 2023 – J.C. Cole, Chair Habitat, Nongame & Endangered Species Committee – August 23, 2023 – Kelly Davis, Chair Land Acquisitions & Property Committee Report – August 23, 2023 – Brad Stanback, Vice Chair Finance Committee Report – August 23, 2023 – Landon Zimmer, Chair Committee of the Whole Report – August 23, 2023 – Monty Crump, Chair AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Green Growth Toolbox: Working with Communities for Conservation – Brooke Massa, Land Conservation Biologist & Jake Petrosky, Associate Vice President, Stewart Inc., and Jason Sullivan, Chatham County Planning Director

#### LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

#### Land Acquisitions 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 C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8)

- Rubin Tract Ashe County (C-1)
- Brushy Mountains Donation Wilkes, Iredell and Alexander Counties (C-2)
- Pederson Tract Ashe County (C-3)
- Pine Mountain Tract Wilkes County (C-4)
- Surratt Road DOT Transfer– Davidson County (C-5)
- Mount Holly Depot Site Gaston County (C-6)
- Cimland Tract Durham County (C-7)
- Rash Heirs Ashe County (C-8)

### RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – Various 10A Rules –** Review public comments and consider request to readopt proposed changes to 10A .0401, .0402, .1101, and .1201 as a part of the periodic review – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst* (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10D .0220 Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County –** Review public comments and consider request to adopt rulemaking to prohibit the use of dogs when hunting deer on a portion of Columbus County Game Land south of N.C. 214 via a Petition for Rulemaking – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10K Hunter Education Course Rules** – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed rules 10K .0101, .0102, and .0103. Review and consider approval of fiscal note. – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

## WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text - 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County** – Consider application from Brunswick County to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, for an amendment to establish a no-wake zone on Lockwood Folly River around Rourk's Landing Subdivision – *Betsy Haywood, No Wake Zone Coordinator* (EXHIBIT G)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text - 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes Counties** – Consider application from Rockingham County to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, for an amendment to establish a no-wake zone on Belews Lake around Carolina Marina in Stokesdale – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT H)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text - 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Caldwell County** – Consider application from Caldwell County to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, for an amendment to establish a no-wake zone on Lake Rhodhiss within 50 yards of the marina facilities at Castle Bridge Marina in Granite Falls – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT I)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text - 15A NCAC 10F .0380 Town of Rhodhiss** – Consider application from the Town of Rhodhiss to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing, for a Rule to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore on Lake Hickory in Burke and Caldwell counties, from a point 165 yards east of the S. R. 1611 Bridge westward to the Rhodhiss Dam. Review and consider approval of fiscal note. – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

## **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Crump

### **COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Executive Director Ingram*

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