

# N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION October 26, 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 <a href="https://www.ncwildlife.org">www.ncwildlife.org</a>.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner David Hoyle

**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 AUGUST 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the August 24, 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**)

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**2023 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION** – Present the 2022 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to David Allen – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director* 

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Education and Communication Committee Report – October 25, 2023 – Tom Haislip, Chair Migratory Birds & Waterfowl Committee – October 25, 2023 – John Coley, Chair Small Game & Wild Turkey Committee – October 25, 2023 – Jim Ruffin, Chair Fisheries Committee Report – October 25, 2023 – Tommy Fonville, Committee Member Big Game Committee Report – October 25, 2023 – David Hoyle, Chair Committee of the Whole Report – October 25, 2023 – Monty Crump, Chair

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT** – Connecting Through Communication, Marketing & Digital Engagement– *Fairley Mahlum, Communications Director* 

#### LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

## **Land Acquisitions and Property Matters**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters - Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBIT C)

• Hinson Lake Lodge Lease Renewal (**EXHIBIT** C) Renewal of the Hinson Lake Lodge lease with the City of Rockingham.

#### RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Inland Fisheries rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Land and Water Access rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Wildlife Management rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Chris Kreh, Wildlife Management Division Assistant Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Administrative Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Administrative rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Ben Meyer, Law Enforcement Division Colonel (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10B .0500 Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt 10B .0501 and .0503 to regulate activities that aid in the transmission of CWD and assist with detection and the isolation of the disease. – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10A .0500 Declaratory Rulings Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to 10A .0501 through .0503. – Melva Bonner (EXHIBIT I)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10E Public Fishing and Boating Access Areas Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to 10E .0101 through .0104. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

# WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption** – **15A NCAC 10F .0333 Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties** – Review public comments and consider final adoption of the Rule proposed by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission, for a restricted area with swim beach at the South Point Access Area on Lake Wylie in Belmont in Gaston County, north of a rope in a cove east of the access area; and codification into the North Carolina Administrative Code the address of the no-wake zone within 50 yards of the South Point Access Area boat ramps. – *Betsy Haywood*, *Water Safety Rules Coordinator* (**EXHIBITS K-1, K-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Technical Correction** – **15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County** – Consider publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for a technical correction to the coordinates of the no-wake zone at Motts Creek, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, where the Oregon Inlet U.S. Coast Guard Station, Oregon Inlet Fishing Center and Marina, Oregon Inlet Public Boat Ramp, kayak launch area, and U.S. Coast Guard Station and Launch Area are located. – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT L**)

**2024 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE** – Consider approval of the proposed 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director* (EXHIBIT M)

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Crump

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

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