

# N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

December 7, 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 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 OCTOBER 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the October 26, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)** 

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the November 16, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)** 

**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 C**)

# **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**LAWRENCE G. DIEDRICK SMALL GAME AWARD** – Present the 2023 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Awards to Louis Bacon, Dillon Epp and Theron Terhune, Orton Plantation, and Richard Broadwell and Family – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* 

# **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Land Acquisitions & Property Committee – December 6, 2023 – Tom Berry, Chair
Boating Safety Committee – December 6, 2023 – J.C. Cole, Chair
Habitat, Nongame, Endangered Species Committee – December 6, 2023 – Kelly Davis, Chair
Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee – December 6, 2023 – Landon Zimmer, Chair
Rules Committee – December 6, 2023 – David Hoyle, Vice Chair
Ad hoc Agency Supplemental Funding Model Committee – October 26, 2023 – David Hoyle, Chair
Ad hoc Agency Supplemental Funding Model Committee – December 6, 2023 – David Hoyle, Chair
Committee of the Whole – December 6, 2023 – Monty Crump, Chair

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT** – Current Status of North Carolina's Crayfish – *Michael Perkins, Foothills Region Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Biologist* 

#### 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 D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5)

- Jordan Timber Scotland County (**D-1**)
- Upper Reedy Creek Tract Warren County (**D-2**)
- Lee Tract Bladen County (**D-3**)
- TAGM Three Top Addition Ashe County (**D-4**)
- Lowland Marina Pamlico County (**D-5**)

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters - *Ben Solomon* (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5)

- Burningtown Easement Request Right-of-way request from Duke Energy at Needmore Game Land (E-1)
- Roanoke Marsh Easement Request Right-of-way request at Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land (E-2)
- Dominion Easement Request Right-of-way request from Dominion Energy at Lantern Acres Game Land (E-3)
- Star TMC Easement Request (E-4) Right-of-way request from Star TMC at Suggs Mill Pond Game Land
- King-Parton Easement Request Right-of-way request from at Needmore Game Land (E-5)

# RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10K Hunter Education Course Rules** – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 10K .0101 through .0103 Hunter Education Course rules as part of the periodic review – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst* (**EXHIBITS F-1, F-2**)

**Petition for Rulemaking – 10F .0314 New Hanover County** – Consider petition received on October 5, 2023 requesting rulemaking to extend the no-wake zone on Bradley Creek – *Melva Bonner* (**EXHIBIT G**)

# WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – Review public comments and consider final adoption with changes since published in the NC Register, of amendments to establish a No-wake Zone on Lockwood Folly River around a portion of Rourk's Landing Subdivision; a technical correction to correct the name of the Morningstar Marinas in Southport adjacent to the ICW; technical correction to define the location of the Sunset Beach Bridge and Boating Access Area on the ICW and location of the Ocean Isle Beach Odell Williamson Bridge and Boating Access Area on the ICW; and codify the no-wake zone within 250 feet west and 100 feet east of the Holden Beach Bridge and Boating Access Area on the ICW, within 50 yards of the Oak Island Boating Access Area in Southport adjacent to the ICW, within 50 yards of the Sunset Harbor Boating Access Area adjacent to the ICW in Bolivia, within 20 yards of the shoreline and 50 yards east and 50 yards west of the Brick Landing Boating Access Area in Shallotte on the ICW; and within 50 yards of Rices Creek Boating Access Area in Winnabow, and within 50 yards of the Pireway Boating Access Area on Waccamaw River in Ash, and within 50 yards of the Dutchman Creek Boat Ramp in Southport – Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes counties – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to establish a No Wake Zone on Belews Lake at Carolina Marina in Rockingham County within 50 yards of the fuel dock, north and east to the cove north of the Marina where the boat ramp, Dry Stacks, and outdoor boat storage facilities are located – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption** – **15A NCAC 10F .0338 Caldwell County** – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to establish a No Wake Zone on Lake Rhodhiss within 50 yards of the marina facilities at Castle Bridge Marina, and within 50 yards of the Castle Bridge Boating Access Area and Conley Creek Boating Access Area; and on Lake Hickory within 30 yards of the docks at the Lake Hickory Marina and Boat Rentals in Hickory, within 50 yards of the Gunpowder Boating Access Area in Granite Falls, and within 50 yards of the Lovelady Boating Access Area in Granite Falls. – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBITS J-1, J-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0380 Town of Rhodhiss** – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore on Lake Hickory in the Town of Rhodhiss in Burke and Caldwell counties, beginning west of a line 165 yards east of the S.R. 1611 Bridge, westward to the Rhodhiss Dam – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBITS K-1, K-2**)

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County – Consider publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing, to revise the Rule to define the restricted area and allowed boating and water recreation activities at White Lake; and to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore

on the Cape Fear River in Council to mitigate boater safety hazards within 100 yards east and 100 yards west of the Elwell Ferry and Elwells Ferry Boating Access Area, and codify the waters within 50 yards of the Tar Heel Boating Access Area in Tar Heel and waters within 50 yards of the Tory Hole Boating Access Area in Elizabethtown; and codify the waters within 50 yards of the Hunts Bluff Boating Access Area on the Black River, in Kelly – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT L**)

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

# 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 N**)

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Crump

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

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