Approval of Minutes - the Commission approved the February 11, 2016 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. Exhibit A

2015 Lawrence G. Diedrick Award Presentation – the 2015 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award in the individual category was presented to David Palmer and family by Chairman John Litton Clark and Executive Director Gordon Myers.

Adoption of 2016-2017 Migratory Game Bird Gun Season Frameworks – the Commission adopted the 2016-2017 options for bag limits, shooting hours, and season dates for waterfowl seasons. Exhibit C-3

Adoption of Extended Falconry Seasons for Migratory Game Bird Species – the Commission adopted the 2016-2017 Extended Falconry Seasons for migratory bird species. Exhibit C-4

Adoption of a Season to Allow the Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcon – the Commission adopted the proposal to establish a 2016 season for the take of one live migrant juvenile peregrine falcon for use in falconry. Exhibit D

Adoption of Temporary Rulemaking – the Commission approved temporary rulemaking for 15A NCAC 10B .0202 as presented in Exhibit E-2 with one change. Based on concerns expressed about allowing the take of bears using unprocessed foods during the entire open bear season in the far western counties, the Commission approved temporary rulemaking to allow the take of bears with the use of unprocessed foods only from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties.
Phase I Land Acquisition – the Commission approved one Phase I Land Acquisition request. Exhibit F

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved proceeding with the acquisition of eleven properties. Exhibits G-1 – G-11

Periodic Review of Rules – the Commission approved the first step of the agency’s initial review of existing Rules 15A NCAC 10F (Motorboats and Water Safety) and 15A NCAC 10H (Regulated Activities), classifying them as necessary with substantive public interest, necessary without substantive public interest, or unnecessary. Exhibits H-1 and H-2

No Wake Zone Final Adoption – Slocum Creek, Havelock – Craven County – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0347(a)(5). Exhibit I

Temporary Rulemaking – Taylor’s Creek No Wake Zone in Beaufort – Carteret County – the Commission approved a request for temporary rulemaking to clarify and correct the description of the no wake zone in the waters of Taylor’s Creek in the Town of Beaufort and to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register with one public hearing and a public comment period. Exhibit J

Initiate Rulemaking – No Wake Zone, Arrowhead Beach Subdivision – Chowan County – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note review and approved a request from Chowan County to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and to hold one public hearing and open comment period for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0346, to establish a no wake zone in the waters of an unnamed canal in Arrowhead Subdivision. Exhibits K-1 and K-2

Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Clark at 10:55 am.