NC Wildlife Resources Commission Actions
October 6, 2016

ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 6th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Approval of Minutes - the Commission approved the August 25, 2016 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. Exhibit A

Resolution Requiring Academic Institutions to Contribute Matching Funds on Federally-funded Cooperative Projects – the Commission adopted a Resolution that rescinds its former resolution of No Overhead Payment to State-Supported Universities for Cooperative Projects adopted in 1995, and establishes a policy of requiring all academic institutions to provide the required non-federal funding match for all cooperative research projects in the form of waived overhead or other federally-approved sources.

Resolution Regarding Endowment Fund Annual Allocation – the Commission adopted a Resolution that establishes its annual Wildlife Endowment Fund Allocation formula based on a three-year average Return on Investment of the fund, excluding income proceeds from the sale of Infant Lifetime Sportsman or Youth Lifetime Sportsman Licenses until the respective holders of such licenses attain the age of 16 years. The expendable interest for the 2016-17 fiscal year is 3.56% based on the new formula.

Rulemaking for the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – the Commission approved the staff recommendation for proposed Rules 15A NCAC 10A .1401, .1402, .1403, .1404, .1405, and .1406 to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2017. Exhibits D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6

Fiscal Note for Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – the Commission approved the fiscal note for the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact rule. Exhibit E

Designation of the Town of Beech Mountain as Mountain Heritage Trout City – the Commission approved the request from the Town of Beech Mountain to be designated as a Mountain Heritage Trout City, with recognition of the Public Mountain Trout Waters within Beech Mountain as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Exhibit F


Phase I Land Acquisition – the Commission approved development of acquisition plans for six Phase I Land Acquisition requests – Aman Tract – Onslow County; Godwin UNC Foundation Tract – Pender County; Leonard Tract – Bertie County; McNeilly Tract – Rutherford County; Riegel Ridge Tract – Columbus County; and Mills River Depot Tract – Transylvania County. Exhibits I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, I-5, I-6

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved proceeding with the acquisition of five properties – Buckrub Tract – Richmond County; Collette Tract – Carteret County; DOT Burnsville Depot Tract – Yancey County; NORCO Tracts – Buncombe County; and Vinson Tract – Bladen County. Exhibits J-1, J-2, J-3, J-4, J-5

Lease Request – J. Morgan Futch Game Land, Tyrrell County – the Commission approved a staff request to seek assistance from the State Property Office to execute a lease of agricultural rights on the J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County – Exhibit K

Proposed Changes in 2017-2018 Game Land Management Rules for Presentation at Statewide Public Hearings – the Commission approved staff recommendation for proposed changes in the 2017-2018 game land management Rules to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2017. Exhibit L-1


Permanent Rulemaking – Taylor’s Creek – Carteret County – the Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and hold one public hearing, to replace a temporary rule for a technical amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0330(a)(2), to clarify and correct the description of the no-wake zone in the waters of Taylor’s Creek in Beaufort. Exhibit M-1

Adoption of Fiscal Note Review for Rulemaking for Taylor’s Creek – Carteret County - the Commission adopted the Fiscal Note review of the projected cost to the WRC of markers at the eastern end of the no-wake zone in Taylor’s Creek in Carteret County. Exhibit M-2
Permanent Rulemaking – Town of Cedar Point – Carteret County – the Commission adopted a request by the Town of Cedar Point to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and hold one public hearing, to promulgate rulemaking under 15A NCAC 10F .0330 for a no-wake zone in a portion of the canal at Dolphin Bay Estates in Cedar Point. Exhibit N-1

Permanent Rulemaking – Technical Changes to Water Safety Rules – New Hanover County – the Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and hold one public hearing, for technical changes only to 15A NCAC 10F .0314 – New Hanover County. Exhibit O

Telephonic Meeting Set for October 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – the Commission voted to hold a telephonic meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of adopting a rule and fiscal note.

2017 Schedule of NCWRC Meetings – the Commission approved the 2017 schedule of meetings of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Exhibit P

Adjournment - Chairman Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.