NC Wildlife Resources Commission Actions
February 16, 2017

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N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Approval of Minutes - the Commission approved the December 8, 2016 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. Exhibit A

Ethics Commission Review of 2016 Statements of Economic Interest – the Commission received into the minutes relevant portions of the evaluation by the NC Ethics Commission of the 2016 Statements of Economic Interest for Wes Seegars and Nat Harris, Governor appointees; and Tommy Fonville, House Speaker appointee. Exhibit C

Adoption of Proposed Changes in 2017-2018 Fishing Rules - the Commission adopted proposed changes in fifteen 2017-2018 inland fishing regulations. The Commission did not adopt F15: Prohibit the use of archery equipment for taking nongame fishes on Lake James from Black Bear Boating Access Area to the NC-221 Business bridge crossing on the Catawba River and the S.R. 1553 (Cannon Road) bridge crossing on the North Fork Catawba River in McDowell County from March 1 through May 31. Exhibit D-2


Phase I Land Acquisition – the Commission approved development of an acquisition plan for the Alcoa Tuckertown tracts in Davidson and Montgomery counties. Exhibit F

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved proceeding with the acquisition of three properties: Galloway Phase I Tract – Rockingham County; Mills River Depot Tract – Transylvania County; and Shoe Heel Tract – Johnston County. Exhibits G-1, G-2, G-3

Annexation – the Commission approved the voluntary annexation of the new Columbia Depot site in Tyrrell County to take advantage of the town’s sewer service. Exhibit H
Lease – the Commission approved a request from Fayetteville - Cumberland Parks and Recreation for a long term lease of state property to support recreation development within the City of Fayetteville, provided that Fayetteville - Cumberland Parks and Recreation agrees to assume routine maintenance of the Lake Rim public fishing and boating access areas and agrees to provide WRC with opportunities to review and comment on subsequent construction plans to ensure that potential impacts to Lake Rim are minimized. Exhibit I

Easement – the Commission approved a request from the City of Fayetteville Public Works Commission for temporary and permanent easements along Old Raeford Road to facilitate installation of sanitary sewer lines. Exhibit J

Easement – the Commission approved a request from Duke Energy for an easement to facilitate relocation of an existing powerline at the Norwood Boating Access Area on Lake Tillery in Stanly County. Exhibit K

Easement – the Commission accepted easements from Dominion North Carolina Power for boating and fishing access areas on Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax, Northampton, and Warren counties. Exhibit L

Adoption of Proposed Changes in 2017-2018 Game Land Management Rules – the Commission adopted proposed changes in fourteen game land management regulations. Exhibit M-2

Permanent Rulemaking for Changes to State Species Listings – the Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and three public hearings, for proposed changes to the rule for state wildlife species listings. Exhibit N

Adoption of Fiscal Note Review for Changes to State Species Listings – the Commission adopted the Fiscal Note review for the rule for state wildlife species listings. Exhibit O

Adoption of Rules for Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – the Commission adopted proposed rules to implement the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Exhibit P-2

Permanent Rulemaking – Lake James, McDowell County – the Commission adopted a request from McDowell County to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and hold one public hearing, for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0339 – McDowell County, for no-wake zones on Lake James in McDowell County. Exhibit Q
Permanent Rulemaking – Beaufort County – the Commission adopted a request from Beaufort County to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register and hold one public hearing for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0303 – Beaufort County, for a no-wake zone in the waters of Little Creek. Exhibit R

Final Adoption – No-Wake Zones, Carteret County – the Commission adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0330 – Carteret County, for a permanent rule that replaces a temporary rule for the waters of Taylor’s Creek in the Town of Beaufort, and for a no-wake zone in a portion of the canal in Dolphin Bay Estates in the Town of Cedar Point. Exhibit S

Final Adoption – Technical Changes to Water Safety Rules – New Hanover County – the Commission adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0314 – New Hanover County, for technical changes to clarify text, correct marker numbers, and add GPS coordinates in water safety rules. Exhibit T

Final Adoption – No-Wake Zone, Lake Tillery - Montgomery County – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0327 – Montgomery County, to extend the no-wake zone in the vicinity of Lilly’s Bridge Boating Access Area and the Route 1110 bridge on Lake Tillery. Exhibit U

2016 Periodic Review of Rules Readoption Schedule – the Commission approved the proposed schedule for readoption of 10F (Water Safety) and 10H (Regulated Activities) into the North Carolina Administrative Code. Exhibit V

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