

## ACTIONS N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

December 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Approval of October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – The Commission approved the October 26, 2023, Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)** 

**Approval of November 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – The Commission approved the October 26, 2023, Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)** 

Motion from the Finance, Aduit & Compliance Committee – The Commission approved a motion to transfer the remaining funds from the Bond Index Fund to the Short Term Investment Fund (unless the Bond Index Fund loses more than 5% before the transfer is initiated), maintain at least 5% of the total Endowment Fund Portfolio in the Short Term Investment Fund, and that this action overrides all previous actions related to the Endowment Fund Portfolio.

Phase II Land Acquisition – The Commission approved the acquisition of Jordan Timber – Scotland County (EXHIBIT D-1), Upper Reedy Creek Tract – Warren County (EXHIBIT D-2), Lee Tract – Bladen County (EXHIBIT D-3), TAGM Three Top Addition – Ashe County (EXHIBIT D-4), Lowland Marina – Pamlico County (EXHIBIT D-5)

Other Property Matters – The Commission approved the Burningtown Easement Request (EXHIBIT E-1), Roanoke Marsh Easement Request (EXHIBIT E-2), Dominion Easement Request (EXHIBIT E-3), Star TMC Easement Request (EXHIBIT E-4), and denied the King-Parton Easement Request (EXHIBIT E-5)

Adoption – 10K Hunter Education Course Rules – The Commission reviewed public comments presented in (EXHIBIT F-1) and readopted 10K .0101 through .0103 Hunter Education Course rules as part of the periodic review. (EXHIBIT F-2)

Rulemaking – 10F .0314 New Hanover County – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for the petition received October 5, 2023 requesting rulemaking to extend the no-wake zone on Bradley Creek. (EXHIBIT G)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – The Commission reviewed public comments (EXHIBIT H-1) and approved 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 (EXHIBIT H-2)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes County – The Commission reviewed public comments (EXHIBIT I-1) and approved 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. (EXHIBIT I-2)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Caldwell County – The Commission reviewed public comments (EXHIBIT J-1) and approved 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. (EXHIBIT J-2)

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0380 Town of Rhodhiss – The Commission reviewed public comments (EXHIBIT K-1) and approved 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. (EXHIBIT K-2)

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County –The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the proposed rule revisions 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 4 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. (EXHIBIT L-2)

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**2024 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Schedule** – The Commission approved the revised 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule. (**EXHIBIT M**)

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Appointments – The Commission appointed David G. Cooper, VHB Engineering, Inc.; Todd Ewing, Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership; and reappointed Sarah McRae, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Judith Ratcliffe, NC Natural Heritage Program; Dr. Liz Rutledge, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee. (EXHIBIT N)

Adjournment – Chairman Monty Crump adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.