

ACTIONS N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

August 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

Approval of July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes – The Commission Approved the July 13, 2023, Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

Motion from the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee – The Commission approved a motion to set a target investment strategy for the Wildlife Endowment Fund to reach and maintain a minimum of 80% in the Equity Index Fund, a minimum of 5% in the Short-Term Interest Fund, and to reduce the Bond Index Fund 0% over time.

Motion from the Habitat, Nongame & Endangered Species Committee – The Commission approved a motion to recognize David H. Allen as the 2023 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award recipient.

Phase II Land Acquisition – The Commission approved the acquisition of Rubin Tract – Ashe County **(EXHIBIT C-1)**, Brushy Mountains Donation – Wilkes, Iredell and Alexander Counties **(EXHIBIT C-2)**, Pederson Tract – Ashe County **(EXHIBIT C-3)**, Pine Mountain Tract – Wilkes County **(EXHIBIT C-4)**, Surratt Road DOT Transfer – Davidson County **(EXHIBIT C-5)**, Mount Holly Depot Site – Gaston County **(EXHIBIT C-6)**, Cimland Tract – Durham County **(EXHIBIT C-7)**, Rash Heirs – Ashe County **(EXHIBIT C-8)**.

Adoption – **Various 10A Rules** – The Commission reviewed public comments **(EXHIBIT D-1)** and adopted proposed changes to 10A .0401, .0402, .1101, and .1201 as part of the periodic review **(EXHIBIT D-2)**.

Adoption – 10D .0220 Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County – The Commission reviewed public comments (EXHIBIT E-1) and denied the requested amendment to prohibit the use of dogs when hunting deer on a portion of Columbus County Game Land south of N.C. 214 via a Petition for Rulemaking (EXHIBIT E-2).

Notice of Text – 10K Hunter Education Course Rules – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed rules 10K .0101, .0102, and .0103 (EXHIBIT F-1) and approved fiscal notes for proposed rules (EXHIBIT F-2).

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for an amendment to establish a nowake zone on Lockwood Folly River around Rourk's Landing Subdivision (EXHIBIT G).

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes Counties – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for an amendment to establish a no-wake zone on Belews Lake around Carolina Marina in Stokesdale (EXHIBIT H).

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Caldwell County – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for an amendment to establish a nowake zone on Lake Rhodhiss within 50 yards of the marina facilities at Castle Bridge Marina in Granite Falls (EXHIBIT I).

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0380 Town of Rhodhiss – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for a Rule to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore on Lake Hickory in Burke and Caldwell counties, from a point 165 yards east of the S. R. 1611 Bridge westward to the Rhodhiss Dam (EXHIBIT J-1) and approved fiscal notes for proposed rules (EXHIBIT J-2).

Adjournment – Chairman Monty Crump adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.