



**TELEPHONIC MEETING ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
May 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Temporary Rulemaking Amendments – 15A NCAC 10B .0124 – Importation of Animal Parts – the Commission approved Noticing for proposed amendments, opening the public comment period, and holding one public hearing for temporary rulemaking, to be followed by permanent rulemaking, to prohibit the importation of cervid carcasses and carcass parts that originate from outside North Carolina. Exceptions are meat that has no remaining pieces or fragments of bone; caped hides with no part of the skull or spinal column attached; antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates with no meat or brain tissue attached; cleaned lower jawbones with teeth, or cleaned teeth; and finished taxidermy products and tanned hides. Temporary rulemaking is to amend the law to protect North Carolina’s cervids against the spread of chronic wasting disease, before other states initiate their fall 2018 deer hunting seasons. **(Exhibit A)**

Temporary Rulemaking Amendments – 15A NCAC 10B .0202 – Bear – the Commission approved Noticing for proposed amendments, opening the public comment period, and holding one public hearing for temporary rulemaking, to be followed by permanent rulemaking, to clarify that there is no open season for bear in any area of the Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary. **(Exhibit B)**

Temporary Rulemaking Amendments – 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands – the Commission approved Noticing for proposed amendments, opening the public comment period, and holding one public hearing for temporary rulemaking, to be followed by permanent rulemaking, to correct language in 10D .0103(h)(11) and (h)(77), to incorporate into the NCAC the agency’s intention for an extended archery season on Buffalo Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes counties and on South Mountain Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties. The Commission also approved Noticing for proposed amendments, open the public comment period, and hold one public hearing for temporary rulemaking, to be followed by permanent rulemaking, to clarify in 10D .0103(h)(21) that deer of either sex may be taken on the first Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.

North Carolina Alligator Management Plan Discussion – the Commission discussed a request from Hyde County to consider a targeted alligator population reduction hunt. The current Alligator Management Plan does not make provisions for areas that do not meet the definition of a municipality to be eligible for alligator population reduction hunts. The Commission charged the Executive Director to work with Hyde County to determine what, if any, changes should be made to the Plan and bring that information back to the next Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species (HNGES) Committee meeting at their next meeting in Raleigh on June 20, 2018 at 9:00 am. The HNGES Committee will bring recommendations for possible revisions to the Alligator Management Plan to the full Commission at its July 12, 2018 meeting.

Adjournment - Chairman John Coley adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.