Roll Call of Commissioners – Pursuant to NCGS §166A-19.24 (Public Bodies/Remote Meetings During Declared Emergencies), the roll call of Commissioners attending the webinar meeting was taken. Commissioner Monty Crump recused himself from discussion and action on Exhibits E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4, Phase II Land Acquisitions.

Approval of May 7, 2020 Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Meeting Minutes and June 3, 2020 NCWRC Special Meeting Minutes – the Commission approved the May 7, 2020 NCWRC minutes as written in the exhibit and the June 3, 2020 NCWRC Special Meeting Minutes as written in the exhibit. (Exhibits A and B)

Endowment Fund Interest Allocation for Fiscal Year 2021 – the Commission approved the allocation of expendable interest of Endowment Fund investment returns in the amount of $2,356,441.13. Of this total, $101,242.46, which is 100 percent of the interest earned from Wildlife in North Carolina magazine lifetime subscriptions, is allocated to the magazine budget. (Exhibit D)

Phase II Land Acquisitions – with Commissioner Monty Crump recused, the Commission approved the acquisition by donations of the Hannah Ferry Pump Station Boating Access Area Tract in Rowan County; the Malvagno Tract in Haywood County; Pascarella Tract in Burke County; and Cape Fear BASF Tract in New Hanover County. (Exhibits E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4)

Gasca Long Ridge Right of Way Easement Denial – the Commission denied a request from Isaias Gasca for a right of way easement on the Long Ridge Tract of Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County. (Exhibit F)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10D .0103 – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text on the website of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a temporary rule amendment correcting the primitive weapons season dates for deer on Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County. (Exhibit G)
Temporary Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10B .0202 – the Commission adopted temporary amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0202 to correct open season for bear in Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank counties. (Exhibit H-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10L .0100 Wildlife Reserve – the Commission adopted 15A NCAC 10L .0100 that addresses the activities required for land to qualify for present-use value taxation as wildlife conservation land that creates and is actively and regularly used as a reserve for hunting, fishing, shooting, wildlife observation or wildlife activities. (Exhibit I-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10G .0601 Totally Disabled Lifetime Licenses – the Commission adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10G .0601 to provide an alternative method for certification of a qualifying disability. (Exhibit J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10B .0114 Dog Training and Field Trials – the Commission adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0114 to provide for the issuance of Field Trial Permits via online portal at ncwildlife.org. (Exhibit K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10H .1003 Taxidermist Records and Reporting Requirements – the Commission adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10H .1003 to institute taxidermy reporting requirements pursuant to the taxidermy cervid certification. (Exhibit L-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Denial of Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0359 Cherokee County – the Commission denied final adoption of temporary rulemaking to correct coordinates of the no-wake zone within 50 yards of the Harbor Cove Marina facility on Hiwassee Lake because the expansion of the marina facility has not been completed. (Exhibit M-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 Stanly County – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing for an amendment for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the Boathouse and Marina on Lake Tillery in Stanly County. (Exhibit N)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0323 Burke County – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period and public hearing, for an amendment to extend the no-wake zone on Lake James in Burke County shore to shore, northeast of the Highway 126 bridge to south of the Canal Bridge Boating Access Area. (Exhibit O)

Fiscal Note Review 15A NCAC 10F .0308 Clay County – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note for rulemaking for no-wake zones on Lake Chatuge in Clay County at Gibson Cove and within 50 yards of the peninsula at Clay County Recreation Park. (Exhibit P-1)
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Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10F .0308 Clay County – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the NC Register with open comment period and public hearing for amendments on Lake Chatuge in Clay County, to extend the no-wake zone at Gibson Cove, for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the Peninsula at Clay County Recreation Park, and for a no-wake zone in Dayton Cove. (Exhibit P-2)

Naming of Cedar Point Public Fishing and Boating Access Area for Gordon Myers – the Commission renamed the Cedar Point Public Fishing and Boating Access Area on N.C. Highway 24 in Cedar Point in Carteret County the Gordon S. Myers Public Fishing and Boating Access Area at Cedar Point, to memorialize his years of service as Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

Adjournment – Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. adjourned the webinar meeting at 10:00 a.m.