

ACTIONS N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 28, 2021 9:00 a.m. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

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.

Approval of August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes – The Commission approved the August 26, 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit **(Exhibit B)**

Education and Communication Committee Report – The Commission approved a motion to demolish the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education's main building and adjacent restrooms due to damage received during Tropical Storm Fred, and direct Executive Director Ingram to develop and implement a new educational model that utilizes existing Center staff to conduct programs across western North Carolina and to work with the Setzer Hatchery design team and US Forest Service personnel to explore increasing the footprint of the hatchery to gain efficiencies in operation and maximize production.

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Report – The Commission approved a motion to move \$1.5 million per month in the Endowment Fund's Bond Index Fund to the Equity Index Fund for a period of twelve months beginning November 2021.

Phase II Land Acquisition - the Commission approved the acquisition of the SME Tracts – Ashe County (Exhibit D-1) and the acquisition of the Warren Tract – Halifax County (Exhibit D-2)

Other Property Matters – the Commission voted to approve the Perrigo Easement Request at Needmore Game Land to a private property owner (Exhibit E).

Rulemaking Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Land and Water Access –With the exclusion of Proposal #12, listed in the package as 15A NCAC 10D .0211, the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to land and water access rules. (Exhibits F-1, F-2)

Rulemaking Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Wildlife Management – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to wildlife management rules. (Exhibits G-1, G-2)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Rehabilitation & License Fee– the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to rehabilitation and license fee rules. (Exhibit H)

Rulemaking Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Inland Fisheries– the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to inland fisheries rules. (Exhibits I-1, I-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption- 15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass- the Commission adopted temporary changes to the Striped Bass Rule. (Exhibit J-2)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – – **15A NCAC 10F .0201 Safety Equipment**– the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed changes to safety equipment rule. (Exhibit K)

2022 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Schedule - the Commission approved the proposed 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule. (Exhibit L)

Adjournment – Chairman Monty Crump adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.