Meeting Summary  
BIG GAME COMMITTEE  
January 11, 2012, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Centennial Campus, Raleigh

Attendees:  
John Clark (Chair,BGC) David Sawyer  
Dell Murphy Kate Pipkin  
Durwood Laughinghouse Isaac Harrold  
Wes Seegars Carolyn Rickard  
John Coley Chris Dillon  
Steve Windham Betsy Foard  
Mark Craig Todd Kennedy  
Thomas Berry Brad Gunn  
Dalton Ruffin Lisa Hocutt  
David Hoyle Dale Caveny  
Joe Barker T. Jerry Williams  
Ray White Joe McClees  
Mitch St. Clair Mark Beason  
Gordon Myers Russell Poole  
Mallory Martin J. R. Stone  
David Cobb Mickey Strader  
Perry Sumner Scott Robertson  
Dave. Butts Fred Harris  
Brad Howard

9:00 a.m. The Big Game Committee (BGC) convened with introductory comments by Committee Chairman John Litton Clark

9:05 a.m. Update on revisions of rules pertaining to “wild boar”. Dr. David Cobb provided an update on changes in statute and rules as they pertain to wild boar, including revisions to NCAC 10B.0204 approved by the WRC in December 2010, establishment of permits for trapping and night hunting swine, and proposals for three additional rule changes as presented in Exhibit H.
Night hunting feral swine and coyote. Dr. Cobb presented options for changes to permanent rules that would allow for the hunting of coyotes and feral swine at night. Three options were presented and the BGC voted to recommend to the full WRC taking rules to public hearings in March 2012 that would allow for the hunting of coyotes and feral swine at night, with lights, year-round. In addition, staff recommended taking two other rule changes to public hearing to remove references to “wild boar” from NCAC 10 B.0113 and 10B.0116. The BGC also approved these recommendations. Finally, staff was directed to evaluate all current statutes and rules pertaining to use of lights at night and to determine if changes in any of these are needed and to compile and provide to the public clear information on the use of lights at night relative to hunting.

10:00 a.m. The BGC meeting was adjourned to a joint meeting with the Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee.