

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Meeting Summary – March 4, 2015 Commission Room, Raleigh NC

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Chair Mark Craig called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm on March 4, 2015.

Attendees

Committee Members

Mark Craig John Coley

Garry Spence

Commissioners

Tom Berry Joe Barker
Tommy Fonville Brian White
Neal Hanks David Hoyle, Jr.
Jim Cogdell Ray Clifton

Richard Edwards

Staff

Mallory MartinBob CurryCindy CarrBetsy HaywoodShannon DeatonAllen BoyntonGordon MyersScott AndersonAllison NolkerBrandon SherrillTimothy HandyDonnie Barefoot

Jeremy Harrell Ashton Godwin

Guests

Fred Harris – NCWF Ned Jones – NC TU Sara McRae – USFWS Karen Beck

Vote for Three Nominees for Quay Award

Shannon Deaton, *Habitat Conservation Program Manager*, presented information to committee members to vote for top three nominees for the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award.

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Membership

Shannon Deaton presented an update on membership of the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC), reminding the HNGES Committee that the Commission approved a resolution for the NWAC last October. The HNGES Committee approved staff's recommendation to add three years to the terms of current NWAC members.

Final Report on Alligator Project

Chris Moorman, PhD – N.C. State University, presented a report on a recent alligator project conducted by N.C. State University. Dr. Moorman reported that the alligator was listed in 1967 as federally endangered due to habitat loss and hunting. The alligator was delisted in 1987; however, it still is threatened. Moorman reported that North Carolina is at the northernmost limit of the alligator's range with cooler temperatures and slower growth rates. The last survey was conducted thirty years ago by the WRC and NCSU. The recent survey revealed that while alligators are plentiful in the southeastern part of the state, any harvest of adult alligators is not sustainable. Long-term monitoring will be conducted to determine information about N.C. alligator growth rates, hatchling success and sex ratio.

Adjourn

Chairman Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.