



***Boating Safety Committee Meeting Summary  
May 21, 2014, 2:30 pm  
NCWRC, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Room***

**Meeting Attendees**

• **Committee Members:**

Joe Barker, Boating Safety Committee Chair  
Mark Craig

Garry Spence  
Joe Budd

• **Commissioners:**

David Hoyle, Jr.  
Ray Clifton  
Tommy Fonville  
John Litton Clark

Tom Berry  
Brian White  
John Coley  
Wes Seegars

• **Staff:**

Chris Huebner  
David Cobb  
Kate Pipkin  
Ryan Myers  
Brandon Sherrill  
Isaac Harrold  
Gordon Myers

Tommy Clark  
Betsy Haywood  
Brad Howard  
David Sawyer  
Mark Jones  
Erik Christofferson

• **Visitors:**

Leo Miranda – USFWS  
Henri McClees – McClees Consulting

Pete Benjamin – USFWS  
Joe McClees – McClees Consulting

Boating Safety Committee Chair Joe Barker called the meeting of the Boating Safety Committee to order at 3:15 pm. The meeting did not start at the scheduled time because the Land Use and Access Committee meeting ran late.

## **Update on Dissolution of the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission (MILMC)**

Erik Christofferson, *Engineering and Lands Management Division Chief*, gave an update about the recent decision by Gaston County to withdraw from the statutorily created Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. Per the statute, if any one of the three counties withdraws, the Commission is dissolved. The MILMC donated their property consisting of no wake buoys and rigging to the WRC to be used as the agency sees fit.

Christofferson explained that there are four no wake zones that all stakeholders agree need to be promulgated by rulemaking into the NC Administrative Code. The WRC will assume responsibility for rulemaking and marking of these four no wake zones. In the future it is expected that any county with jurisdiction over the waters in that county will make application for a no wake zone on Mountain Island Lake.

## **Review of Four No Wake Zone Proposals for Mountain Island Lake**

Kate Pipkin, *Rules Biologist*, reviewed for the committee four no wake zone proposals on Mountain Island Lake that are agency requests. Pipkin stated that three of the no wake zones were enacted by the MILMC but were not incorporated into the NC Administrative Code. A fourth no wake zone is proposed at the NC Highway 73 bridge. Pipkin stated that if approved by the WRC, a local public hearing will be held in August to receive comments about the proposed no wake zones. Pipkin then reviewed the fiscal note for the no wake zones, noting that the WRC will install and maintain markers to mark the zones. The committee will recommend approval by the entire WRC.

## **Review of No Wake Zone Proposal by Perquimans County**

Kate Pipkin reviewed for the committee a proposal from Perquimans County to establish a no wake zone on Bethel Creek, a tributary of the Yeopim River. Perquimans County has agreed to be responsible for the purchase and placement of markers to mark the zone. The committee will recommend approval to the entire WRC.

## **Adjourn**

Chairman Joe Barker adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.