



Fisheries Committee Summary

October 29, 2014

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Wes Seegars, Chair
Joe Barker, Vice Chair

Mark Craig
Brian White

Commissioners

Joe Budd
Tom Berry
Jim Cogdell
Richard Edwards

David Hoyle, Jr.
Garry Spence
Ray Clifton

Staff

Bob Curry
Brent Spivey
Chad Thomas
Betsy Haywood
Kerry Linehan
Jon Evans
Robert Sharpe
Gordon Myers

Christian Waters
Kyle Briggs
Jodie Owen
Mallory Martin
Isaac Harrold
Chad Martin
Erik Christofferson

Fisheries Committee Chairman Wes Seegars called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Update

Chad Thomas provided an overview of the Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River Striped Bass Stock Assessment and new management benchmarks. The current fishing mortality estimate is at the target, and spawning stock biomass is estimated to be close to the threshold. Therefore, the Total Allowable Landings is being reduced from 550,000 pounds to 275,000 pounds in 2015 of which 68,500 pounds are allocated to the Roanoke River recreational fishery.

Lake Mattamuskeet Update

Director Gordon Myers informed the Committee that he met with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional staff October 1-3, 2014. Management at Lake Mattamuskeet will be addressed similarly to the approach used in the Canid Management agreement. An executive committee, steering committee, and four working groups have been established. Staff is developing a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize the approach, and it will be signed at Lake Mattamuskeet Refuge's annual Swan Days on December 6.

Human Dimensions Projects Update

Christian Waters provided an update on several human dimension surveys that will be initiated in early 2015. The projects include:

- The Trout Angler Survey
- The Landowner Views toward Angler Access Survey
- The Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Angler Survey
- The Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Communities Survey.

Marine Fisheries Commission Rules Update

Christian Waters provided an update on current rulemaking by the Marine Fisheries Commission. Proposed rules of interest address river herring, American eel, and a correction to the inland/coastal fishing waters boundary on Queen Creek in Onslow County.

Adjourn

Chairman Seegars adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

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<i>Welcome/Open Meeting.....</i>	<i>Wes Seegars</i>
<i>Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Update.....</i>	<i>Chad Thomas</i>
<i>Lake Mattamuskeet Update.....</i>	<i>Bob Curry</i>
<i>Human Dimensions Projects Update.....</i>	<i>Christian Waters</i>
<i>Marine Fisheries Commission Rules Update.....</i>	<i>Christian Waters</i>
<i>Additional Topics of Interest/Discussion.....</i>	<i>Bob Curry</i>
<i>Adjourn.....</i>	<i>Wes Seegars</i>