Meeting Attendees

- **Committee Members:**
  John Coley, Chair
  Richard Edwards, Vice Chair
  Tommy Fonville
  Joe Barker
  Brian White

- **Commissioners:**
  Garry Spence
  Ray Clifton

- **Staff:**
  Jodie Owen
  Donnie Barefoot
  Chris Kreh
  Mallory Martin
  Carolina Medina
  Brandon Sherrill
  David Cobb
  Allen Boynton
  Russell Wong
  Jon Evans
  Ryan Myers
  Jeremy Harrill
  Timothy Handy
  Lisa Hocutt
  Gordon Myers
  Betsy Haywood
  Brad Howard
  Doug Howell
  Mark Jones
  Isaac Harrold
  Todd Kennedy

- **Guests:**
  Fred Harris, NC Wildlife Federation
  Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited
John Coley, *Chairman*, called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

**OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING A LIGHTGOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**

Doug Howell, *Waterfowl Biologist*, provided an overview about the Light Goose Conservation Order and how to implement it for the 2015-2016 season. The Light Goose Conservation Order is a management tool established in 2008 by the USFWS. Six states participate in the Conservation Order.

Howell discussed implementing the Conservation Order after the existing light goose hunt season to help control the population of light geese, which are considered to be overabundant. He recommended implementing the Conservation Order in the second week in March or aligning it with Virginia and running it until the end of March. The Committee directed staff to close the Conservation Order on March 30 or 31. The Wildlife Resources Commission could adopt this at the July meeting.

Participants are required to provide annual activity and harvest information to the USFWS. The Conservation Order cannot overlap the youth hunt season. The existing light goose hunt season will have to be closed.

The committee recommended that any permit should be free. A team will be formed to implement the Light Goose Conservation Order and to work out licensing, permits, and reporting system details.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman John Coley adjourned the committee meeting at 9:20 am.