Garry Spence, *Chair*, called the meeting of the Small Game Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Attendees**

**Committee Members**
- Garry Spence, Chair
- Tommy Fonville
- David Hoyle, Jr.

**Commissioners**
- Ray Clifton
- Joe Barker
- Neal Hanks
- Mark Craig
- John Litton Clark
- Jim Cogdell
- Tom Berry

**Staff**
- David Cobb
- Chris Kreh
- Gordon Myers
- Mallory Martin
- Betsy Haywood
- Kate Pipkin
- Jon Evans
- Chris Huebner
- Ashton Godwin
- Carolina Medina
- Erik Christofferson
- Kyle Briggs
- David O’Neal
- Thomas Harvey
- Collen Olfenbuttel
- Richard Tucker
- Landon Tholkes
- Geoff Cantrell
- Mitch Kirkland
- Brad Howard
- David Cobb
- Isaac Harrold
- Mark Jones
- David Sawyer
- Kris Smith
- Brandon Sherrill
- Steven Bullins
- Isaac Harrold

**Guests**
- Tony White – NC Trappers Assoc.
- Dan Hunt – NCTA
- David Denton – NCTA
- Fred Harris – NCWF
- Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited
**Concepts for Establishing Wild Quail Emphasis Areas**

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, and Chris Kreh, *Upland Game Bird Biologist* provided an overview of concepts for establishment of quail emphasis areas. Concepts, which would require rulemaking and additional scientific study before implementation, include nest predator control from March through May, supplemental feeding part of the year, and wild quail translocation to supplement areas with few quail. Emphasis areas would require at least 1500 acres with at least fifteen percent of the area in year-round quail habitat. Landowners would have responsibility for conducting fall covey counts, and detailed records of trapping, feeding and translocation.

**Opportunity for Field Inspection of Quail Management – Di-Lane Plantation Wildlife Management area**

Mark Jones, *Supervising Wildlife Biologist*, discussed an opportunity for Commissioners and staff to attend field inspections of quail management at Di-Lane Plantation Management Area, owned by the State of Georgia near Augusta. The 5100 acres have been intensively managed by changing the landscape to make it suitable for quail. The trip will be held on August 19, 2015.

**Opportunities for Enhancing Collaboration between WRC and NC Trappers Association**

*Executive Director* Gordon Myers welcomed members of the NC Trappers Association to the Small Game Committee meeting. Tony White, *President*, told the committee about part of Senate Bill 647 that will make trapper education mandatory in North Carolina. An advanced trapper education course has been developed by David Denton and includes trapping best management plans. The course is taught as part of the Hunter Education Program. Myers stated that SB 647 points out the important role of trapping in North Carolina. He appointed a work group led by Kris Smith, *Wildlife Education Division Chief*, along with Colleen Olfenbuttel, Travis Casper, and Chris Huebner, to collaborate with members of the NC Trappers Association.

Chairman Spence reminded everyone that the next Small Game Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, in conjunction with the July 16 WRC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.